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was stopped, and he spake no more to me of work : But though our affliction of body was very great, and our travel of soul was greater, yet we did knit Stockins, and gave to them that were made serviceable to us, and did make Garments for the poor prisoners, and mended their Clothes which had need, and were made helpful to them all, to their condemnation, that did persecute us. But we could not vwork at the Fryar's Will, nor any man's else, but as we had freedom in the Lord.

As I vvas vweak in my bed, the Fryar came to me, and said, *We did deny the Scriptures*: I told him, they did deny them, we did own them, and hold them forth, thou dost know it: He was in a rage because I said, they denyed the Scriptures, bid me *eat my words again, and threatned death upon me*. I said, Christ Jesus was the Light of the World, and had lighted every one that cometh into the World, which Light is our salvation that do receive it, and the same Light is the World's condemnation that do not believe in it. Then he said, *He would lay me in Chains, where I should neither see Sun nor Moon*. They say, *The Father hath almost killed you*, said he, *but I will kill you quite, before I have done*. He had a Book in his hand, and he did study in it; I told him he did comprehend the Words in his carnal mind, and he vvas vvrath, and said *he would give me to the Devils to be tormented*. I said, I deny the Devil and all his Works and Workers.

Some would come unto the Prison upon the Saints days, and ask us *what day it was*? We did answer, We did not know, neither did we observe dayes nor times, months nor years. Then answer would be made, *It was St. Joseph's day*, or some other Saint; and *St. Joseph should punish us that night, because we did not observe his day*. We answered, We did know the Saints to be at peace with us, and we did not fear them. We further said, *St. Paul did call it beggarly Elements and Rudiments of the World, to observe days, times, months and years, and their mouths vwould be stopt for a*. Then came the Fryar another time, and told me, *it was seven dayes to their Christmas*, and said, *the Virgin Mary conceived with child that day, being the same day he spake to me on; as if she did go with Child but seventeen dayes*. And he said, *the next day was Lady Ann's day, the Virgin Mary's Mother, a Saint*.

Then as I was crying to the Lord in Prayer because of our long-suffering, & our strong travel & labour & no fruit (as did appear) the Lord laid unto me, Be not grieved, though Israel be not gathered; the seed of Malta shall be as the stars of the skie for multitude: That which ye have sown, shall not dye, but live: Glory be to the Name of the Lord for ever.

A Copy of a Writing from their hands, sent in pursuit after the Fryar.

### MALACHY.

**T**HOU saidst thou wouldst try whether we had the true Spirit' ye or nay, and thou hast tryed day and night, but thou never triedst the right way; the Seed of God is not tryed with deceit, lying, hypocrisie, nor cruelty: But if thou hadst turned in with thy mind to the Light of God in thy Conscience, thou wouldst soon have known us; or had the love of Christ heen shed abroad in thy heart, thou might'st have comprehended us; or hadst thou found the Ballance of the Sanctuary of the true Tabernacle, which God hath pitched, and not man, thou might'st have weighed us; or hadst thou laid Judgement to the Line, and Righteousness to the Plummets, thou might'st have fathomed us; or could'st thou have opened the Book of Life, thou might'st have read us; or hadst thou went into the House of Israel, thou might'st have had fellowship with us, &c. Contrary to our wills were we cast in amongst you, and have given our testimony for the Lord, and called you all to repentance, and have serwarned you of the evil the Lord is bringing upon you, but you have slighted the day of your visitation, and have done despite to the Spirit of Grace, and have cast many hard speeches and false aspersions upon the Truth, and the Messengers thereof, and the Lord will visit for these things; and you have blinded your eyes that you will not see, and stopped your ears that you might not hear, and hardened your hearts that you might not understand; least you should see with your eyes, and hear with your ears, and understand with your hearts, and turn to the Lord, and be converted, and he should heal you. Ob that you had known in this your day, what had belonged to your peace, but now it is hid from your eyes. The desire of our souls is, That



every one may repent that can find a place; and whatever you have done to us, we desire it may not be laid to your charge; for we count our selves happy that we were found worthy to suffer for the Name of the Lord.

Written in the Inquisition-Prison  
in the Isle of Malta.

Katharine Evans.  
Sarah Chevers.

Behold victorions Hymns, Songs, Praises, all in Verse,  
the same sprung from the Seed of Life, its perfect Righteousness.

**O**H Lord my life is given up, To call the hungry forth to feed  
thy truth for to declare; on thy Lamb being slain.  
Lord keep me in thy Arms, Feasts of fat things thou dost pre-  
and guide me in thy fear, the hungry for to feed, (pare  
Thy Bow is bent, thy Sword is And cloath the nak'd with Gar-  
thy enemies to deface, (drawn ments fair.  
Thy fire's kindl'd gainst all those that want and stand in need,  
that Truth wil' not embrace. Heaven's glory is appearing,  
Thine Arrows sharp and keen, its brightness shineth forth,  
upon their heads shall fall, Over all Nations it is clearing,  
Thy double-edged Sword also, the Lords Eternal Truth.  
to cut them down withall. Every one that's in darkness,  
So plague the Heathen, & correct and under its shadow lye,  
the people in thy wrath, (Name May come forth into the bright-  
That they may fear & dread thy out of obscurity. (ness,  
and come to know thy truth. Oh Lord teach me thy wayes,  
Throughout the World so wide, that I may walk therein,  
thy truth thou dost declare, And lead me in thy Path of life,  
Thy saving health for to enjoy, and cleanse me from all sin.  
by thy Light doth appear. How gracious is our God,  
Thou dost send forth thy Messen- and kind to Israel,  
glad tidings to proclaim, (gers. With us he doth make his A-  
his presence doth us fill. (bode.

So that we are not desolate,  
nor yet distressed with woes,  
Because the Lord doth take our  
part,

and doth confound our foes,  
Every one that is oppressed  
and cast in danger deep,  
If that in God they put their  
trust, he will them safely keep. (trust,  
Right dear and precious to the  
are all his little ones.) (Lord

Both Lord, and Prince, and King  
That suffer for his holy Name,  
he will avenge their wrongs,  
And in his wrath he will destroy  
his enemies so stout,  
And suddenly will make a way,  
and lead his servants out.  
And he himself will them restore  
to joy and comfort both,  
And will preserve them ever-  
more,

because they do him love.  
But as for men of corrupt minds  
whose ways defiled are,  
The Lord will visit with all  
kinds  
of judgments, and not spare.

He will pursue them with his  
Sword,  
and cut them to the ground,  
That do reject his holy Word,  
his Plagues shall them con-  
found.

Because that they do not obey  
his Mercies and his Grace,  
Which he so free to them doth  
give  
if they would them embrace.

But as their Fathers did,  
so they requite the Lord with  
wrong,

And persecute thy Messengers,  
and make them suffer long  
Because that they the Truth de-  
clare as Scripture telleth plain, (clare  
That Christ himself, the Lord's  
own Heir,

is come, and he will reign  
also,  
throughout the World that's  
wide,

And Antichrist will overthrow,  
and Babel in her pride :

It's not their golden Candle-  
sticks,

nor Lamps that be so many,  
That can shine through the  
Clouds so thick,  
to give a Light to any.

To lead to a true resting-place,  
where they may still behold

The beauty of God's glorious  
face,

more bright than fined Gold.

Thou seest oh Lord, what man  
hath done

for to exalt himself

Against the Lord thy blessed  
Son,

who is our saving health.

They have changed his glorious  
Form

and Image that's so bright,

And fashion'd it like sinful man,  
corrupted in thy sight,



Arise oh Lord, arise in haste,  
and punish for these things,  
These men that have sought thy  
disgrace,  
that they might reign as Kings  
Over thine own Inheritance;  
contrary to thy will,  
To keep them still in ignorance,  
without knowledge or skill.  
But now the God of Power is  
come,  
to raise up Sion bright,

And to build up Jerusalem  
in all the Heathens sight.  
The Gates of Hell shall not pre-  
vail,  
though they be wide & strong,  
Against the gathering in of all  
that to the Lord belong.  
All glory, honor, laud and praise  
be to the Lord of Might,  
Who hath made known in these  
our dayes,  
his Way, his Truth, his Light,

Concerning the Cross of Christ, which is not a visible sign, or a piece  
of Wood, but the invisible and immortal Power of the Lord God,  
and his Wisdom unto salvation, to and in all them that believe,  
is the same Christ, the Power of God, and the wisdom of God: But  
the same Crosse is to the outward Jew, (or Christian) a stumbling-  
block, and to the wise Greek (that's exalted and puffed up in the  
knowledge above, and over the meek life) foolishness, as saith the Scrip-  
ture, 1 Cor. I. 18, 19.

CHRIST'S Cross I do embrace,  
Which gives me an entrance  
into Grace;  
Sin and Death it doth deface,  
And makes me run a glorious  
race,  
A Crown of Life and Grace I do  
obtain,  
And sin and death is daily slain;  
And Christ himself alone to reign  
Through the Cross I do obtain.

The Cross of Christ is more  
to me  
Than all the Treasures I can see:  
It brings me to my resting place  
For to behold God's lovely face,  
The Cross of Christ is Power in-  
deed  
Against the Serpent and his seed,  
And salvation it doth bring  
To all that do believe therein.

<p>The Cross of Christ is my delight, It doth uphold me day and night: It doth destroy all mortal strife; It keeps me from the power of fin, Through Christ who is my Hea- venly King. Without the Cross I cannot be From sin and death at all set free. The Cross alone doth crucifie Transgression, sin, iniquity. It doth break down the middle Wall, And slays the enmity withall: And makes of twain one perfect man, And so renews Christ for me a- gain. The Cross of Christ it doth destroy That Nature that doth disobey, In those that do themselves deny, And take it up most willingly, And daily bear it after him, Who is our Lord, and Prince, and King; And not at all to let it down, Till they come to enjoy the Crown.</p>	<p>The Cross of Christ is power and life, It doth destroy all mortal strife; It keepeth from the Power of fin, All those that love to walk therein. All that do own Christ Jesus Cross, Through self-denial they must pass, For to be purged from their fin, And no longer live therein. The Cross of Christ doth o- perate Through every vein and vital part, The heart and reins to cleanse from sin, Of them that's exercis'd therein. They that live in sin and wic- edness, are enemies to Christ Jesus Cross; For e'l sin and uncleanness doth pierce the life of Christ Jesus.</p>
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*Perfect Love, and breathings of undefiled  
Life, to the Seed of God, greeting.*

<b>T</b> He streams of beauty, pure and bright, That springeth up both day and night.	My Love, It cometh from a harmless Dove, Within vvhose breasts doth still remain
MY love to truth doth me con- strain	God's perfect praises to main- tain,
In Prison ever to remain; If it be so that even I Cannot in truth be set at liberty.	I have not time nor place to shovv
My deare Redeemer's face so bright,	The love vvhich from my soul doth flowv.
Doth shine upon me day & night: His count'nance doth exceed all	The blessing of the Almighty be upon thee,
Captivity and bondage, thrall,	And upon the vvhole <i>Israel</i> of God, <i>Amen.</i>
<i>Amen. K. E.</i>	

**T**Hese Writings following are Copies of divers Letters which they had written to their Friends and near Relations in the time of my visitation of them; But it came so to pass, that as they were handing the same through the Grate of the Prison, by the hand of another man to be communicated to my hand, being then present in the Room also, that the said Letters were intercepted, and in the first place communicated to the Pope's Lord Inquisitor, and he forthvvith sent for the Consul, and charged him to get the same truly copied forth. Then the Consul vvas vvrath vvith me that he should be exercised vvith so much trouble: But in the Light and Counsel of my God I seeing and knowvng that there vvas nothing in them but vvhath came from a good ground of innocency and truth, and pure natural affection, I was moved in bowvels of tender love, lest the said Letters should be finally miscarried, or shut up in obscurity, therefore I pro-

propounded to the Consul. If that were such a trouble to him, if he would let me have the Letters, I should copy them out truly. And after some time he consented, and gave them into my hand, and laid it upon my Conscience to perform as I had said; which I did with gladness of heart, not in submission to his Will, but in obedience to the God of Love and Peace which guided me in the same; and so after I had finished them, I gave the fair Copies into the Consul's hands for his Lord Inquisitor.

And so in the wisdom of the Lord, which is wiser than the Serpents, I obtained the very desire of my heart for his Truth and Peoples sake, and retained the Original Copies, and in the endless Love and Power of the Lord Almighty, which was, and is with me, and accompanied me (blessed and magnified be the Power of his excellent Majesty and Glory, *Amen*) over the heads of the lofty Mountains, and barren Hills, I brought the Treasures of a blessed and good ground away with this body in which I am; so that they were not onely in my hands, but also the precious substance and virtue of the same that accompanied them, even in my heart, within my bosom; and the Words of Wisdoms Life did I wear as a Chain of precious Stones and Diamonds about my neck, and as Bracelets and Ornaments of a comely and delicate chaste Bride, about my hands and loins; and behold the Almighty Lord and King of Eternal Life, that had so mightily preserved me in the shadow of his hand of Almightyness, which stopt the mouths of devouring Lyons, and chained and limited the ravening and devouring wild Beasts of the Forrest, even he the King of blessedness and endless glory, filled my heart with his spotless and unexpressible Love: And as I lay upon the deck of the Vessel in which I was a passenger, and a stranger among men of many and divers Nations, in the morning of the day I felt and beheld the exceeding glory of the Lord under the secret shadow of his Almightyness, in a Vision of God; and in the same I beheld the Bride, the Lamb's Wife, prepared for the Bridegroom's coming; and why should not I declare somewhat of the felicity that mine eye in the Eternal Life of Blessedness saw, albeit the rest is unutterable which I felt, and know how to be silent in the Father's presence, where every Babe knoweth my voice, which is to give a sound in their ears to whom I write; and not to spread



Pearls before Swine, that will defile and trample on them; That mine eye, mine eye hath seen, and perfectly beheld the Free-born from above, coming out of the Wilderness, covered with goodly and comely Raiment, white and clean, as the light of the Sun, or as a Stone most precious, clear as Chrystal; and mine eye beheld a Crown which was embraced in the Arms of the Bridegroom, and the Crown was well adorned with many Stars which did exceed each other in glory, and mine eye beheld the Son as a Bridegroom rejoicing over the Virgin-Bride of his Espousal, so that I was even sick with pure and undefiled love. Mine eye, mine eye did so affect my heart, so that I awaked in the same, in the morning of a clear day, and I looked; and behold the Sun was arisen above the *Horizon* of the Earth and Waters, and my Life abundantly blessed and magnified the living Lord, my King and my God; the Rock of my strength, and saving health of his Anointed; and behold I had seen a Vision of God in the morning-Light, and the sweet *salvation* of the same was given me to treasure up within my very heart, till an appointed time and season; the children of the Morning-light may right-well read the same as they sit together in their several places that's over and above the earth, and be comforted and refreshed at the joyful sound of the same voice that brings the glad tidings of the good things; yea and my Spirit with you the blessed of the Lord, shall bless his Name who is the mighty God in the midst of us: Even so *Amen*, *Ha-le-lu-jah*.

Praise ye the Lord, Salvation to	Among his Saints & Messengers,
his Name,	His fame my heart shall sound,
Ye Saints in life,	Because their life
Free from all strife,	is free from strife,
Your voice sound forth the same	In love that doth abound,
My Life shall sing	My prayers in the life that's
To <i>Sion's</i> King,	clean,
His Love in peace and glory,	shall from the same ascend,
Who hath so free	Unto the God of Love and
Begotten me	peace,
Into his Life that's holy,	that he may you defend.

To perfect love and unity,  
 that it may more abound;  
 for so your fame  
 in his pure Name  
 Doth give a certain sound.

Unto the Nations round about,  
 your fame aloud shall sing,  
 to call them all  
 both great and small,  
 To bow to *Sion's* King.

Your Gates always  
 (Of perfect praise)  
 Full wide shall open stand,  
 that all may come  
 i'th free-born Son  
 (Th' *Light*) to dwell in your Land

Of rest and peace  
 in righteousness,  
 I'th living way that's holy;  
 so you shall sing,  
 and fruit shall spring  
 Within the City holy.

The Vine that's true,  
 shall compass you  
 That sit under his shade,

With great delight  
 in his clear sight,  
 None shall make you afraid.

Within the perfect love here is  
 no fear,  
 So in the Father's sight you are  
 right dear.

My bowels and my soul, my ve-  
 ry heart

To you ye living Saints extends;  
 much could I write  
 in the true light,  
 But ye can read my Friends,

Without a Book of words  
 Which finally may end;  
 My mind that's clean,  
 Come read the fame,

Behold I am your friend.  
 In *Jacob's* Land  
 Where he did stand,  
 I'th place that's blest,  
 Where he did rest,  
 Who like a Prince prevail'd  
 with the true Lord of Might,  
 Who also blessed him  
 even in the morning-Light,

*Selah*

And seeing that it happened so, that the Copies of the Letters of the Lords Prisoners, were left in the hands of their Enemies, in a strange Land, it is seen meet to insert them among the rest of their Writings, for the good of many of their own Nation of *England*, who may right-well favour the tender love and virtue of true and pure natural affection, not onely to their kindred and Fathers House, but also to their own Countrey; all of which they were truly called to forsake, as was good old *Abraham* our Father,

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who in obedience to the good Word and Commandment of the Almighty God, went forth, not knowing whither he went, even as these poor, and many more, who are deemed by the wise of this world, foolish things, not well considering how that the Lord hath chosen the poor of this world, and made them rich in faith, and also chuseth base things, and weak things, and foolish things, to confound the things that are mighty, and to bring to nought things that are, to the end that no flesh should glory in his presence, who with his mighty hand and outstretched arm of Dignity and excellent Power, is defacing and staining the pride of all glory, and bringing into contempt all the honorable of the Earth that's out of order, and bringing down the haughtiness and loftiness of man, who shall know that it is the everlasting and terrible God of Eternity, when he ariseth to shake terribly the Earth, that presseth down and oppresseth the Seed of his Bowels, and trampeth on the principal Wheat that came out of the good Husband-mans right hand; for which the God of Heaven is visiting the Nations as in the ancient days: Albeit he hath long time held his peace in the habitation of his Holineess, where his Honor dwelleth; but behold, behold, he is arising in the greatness of his strength, even as a Lyon over his prey, or as a Lyoness bereaved of her young, for out of *Sion* hath he uttered his voice, and thundered forth the Majesty of his powerful Word of Salvation, through the Gate of his beloved City *Jerusalem* from on high, free-born; which hath ecchoed into the ears & hearts of the Hypocrites, & surprized the double-minded with fear on every hand; for he hath cryed, and yet will, in the spirit of his Prophecie through his Sons and Daughters, in whom he which is holy dwelleth, to make waste Mountains and Hills, and to devour at once as in the ancient dayes; and my spirit saith, Even so the Lord hasten it (*Amen*) for his Elects sake.



## Katharine Evans to her Husband and Children.

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For the hand of **JOHN EVANS**, my right dear and precious Husband, with my tender-hearted Children, who are more dear and precious unto me, than the apple of mine eye.

**M**ost dear and faithful Husband, Friend and Brother, begotten of my Eternal Father, of the immortal Seed of the Covenant of Light, Life and Blessedness, I have unity and fellowship with thee day and night, to my great refreshment and continual comfort, praises, praises be given to our God for evermore, who hath joined us together in that which neither Sea nor Land can separate or divide.

My dear heart, my soul doth dearly salute thee, with my dear and precious Children, which are dear and precious in the Light of the Lord, to thy endless joy, and my everlasting comfort; glory be to our Lord God eternally, who hath called you with a holy Calling, and hath caused his Beauty to shine upon you in this the day of his Power, wherein he is making up of his jewels, and binding up of his faithful ones in the Bond of everlasting Love and Salvation, among whom he hath numbred you of his own free Grace; in which I beseech you (dear hearts) in the fear of the Lord to abide in your measures, according to the manifestation of the Revelation of the Son of God in you; keep a diligent watch over every thought, word and action, and let your minds be staid continually in the Light, where you will find out the snares and baits of Satan, and be preserved out of his Traps, Nets and Pits, that you may not be captivated by him at his will. Oh my dear Husband and Children, how often have I poured out my soul to our everlasting Father for you, with Rivers of tears, night and day, that you might be kept pure and single in the sight of our God, improving your Talents as wise Virgins, having Oyl in your Vessels, and your Lamps burning, and clothed with the long white Robes of Righteousness, ready to enter the Bed-Chamber, and to sup with the

Lamb, and to feed at the Feast of fat things, where your souls may be nourished, refreshed, comforted, and satisfied, never to hunger again.

My dear hearts, you do not want teaching, you are in a Land of Blessedness, which floweth with Milk and Honey, among the faithful Stewards, whose mouths are opened wide in righteousness, to declare the Eternal Mysteries of the everlasting Kingdom, of the endless joys and eternal glory, wherinto all the willing and obedient shall enter, and be blessed for ever.

My dear hearts, the promises of the Lord are large, and are all Yea and Amen to those that fear his Name; he will comfort the Mourners in Sion, and will cause the heavy-hearted in Jerusalem to rejoice, because of the glad tidings; they that do bear the Cross with patience, shall wear the Crown with joy; for it is through the long suffering and patient waitings, the Crown of Life and Immortality comes to be obtained; the Lord hath exercised my patience, and tryed me to the uttermost, to his praise and my eternal comfort, who hath not been wanting to us in any thing in his own due time; We are Witnesses he can provide a Table in the Wilderness both spiritual and temporal. Oh the endless love of our God, who is an everlasting Fountain of all living refreshment, whose Chrystal Streams never cease running to every thirsty soul, that breatheth after the springs of Life and Salvation.

In our deepest affliction, when I looked for every breath to be the last, I could not wish I had not come over Seas, because I knew it was my Eternal Father's Will to prove me, with my dear and faithful Friend, in all afflictions and miseries; the Lord remembered mercy, and did not leave nor forsake us, nor suffer his faithfulness to fail us, but caused the sweet drops of his mercy to distil upon us, and the brightness of his glorious countenance to shine into our hearts, and was never wanting to us in Revelations nor Visions. Oh how may I do to set forth the fulness of God's Love to our souls! No tongue can express it, no heart can conceive it, nor mind can comprehend it. Oh the ravishments, the raptures, the glorious bright-shining countenance of our Lord God, who is our fulness in emptiness, our strength in weakness, our health in sickness, our life in death, our joy in sorrow, our peace in disquietness, our praise in heaviness, our power in all needs or necessities; He alone is a full God unto us, and so all that can trust him; he hath emptied us of ourselves, and hath unbottomed us of our selves, and hath wholly built us upon the sure Foundation,

tion, the Rock of Ages, Christ Jesus the Light of the world, where the swelling Seas, nor raging, foaming Waves, nor stormy winds, though they bear vehemently, cannot be able to remove us; Glory, honor and praises is to our God for ever, who out of his everlasting Treasures doth fill us with his Eternal Riches day by day; he did nourish our souls with the choicest of his mercies, and doth feed our bodies with his good Creatures, and relieve all our necessities in a full measure, praises, praises be to him alone, who is our everlasting portion, our confidence, and our rejoicing, whom we serve acceptably with reverence and God-like fear; for our God is a consuming fire.

Oh my dear Husband and precious Children, you may feel the issues of Love and Life which stream forth as a River to every soul of you, from a heart that is wholly joined to the Fountain; my prayers are for you day and night without ceasing, beseeching the Lord God of Power to pour down his tender mercies upon you, and to keep you in his pure fear, and to encrease your faith, to confirm you in all righteousness, and strengthen you in believing in the Name of the Lord God Almighty, that you may be established as Mount Zion, that can never be moved. Keep your souls unspotted of the world; and love one another with a pure heart, fervently serve one another in love; build up one another in the Eternal, and bear one anothers burdens for the Seeds sake, and so fulfil the Law of God. This is the Word of the Lord unto you, my dearly beloved.

Dear hearts, I do commit you into the hands of the Almighty, who dwelleth on high, and to the Word of his Grace in you, who is able to build you up to everlasting life, and eternal salvation. By me who am thy dear and precious Wife, and Spouse in the Marriage of the Lamb, in the bed undefiled,

K. E.

My dearly beloved York mate in the Work of our God, with dearly salute you; Salute us dearly to our precious Friends in all places. I do believe we shall see your faces again with joy. Dearly salute us to T. H. R. S. and his sister, S. B. and his daughter, N. M. and his dear Wife, with all the rest of our dear Friends in Bristol. T. C. and his deart Wife and Daughter, and all Friends in Bristol or else-where. J. G. and his precious Wife, Children and Servants, with all Friends. Our dear love to E. H. with her Husband and Children at Alderberry.

The original of this was written in the Inquisition in March, in the 1. Feb. Month of the year 1661,

Sarah



## Sarah Chevers to her Husband and Children.

**M**R Dear Husband, my love, my life is given up to serve the living God, and to obey his pure Call in the measure of the manifestation of his Love, Light, Life and Spirit of Christ Jesus; his onely begotten Son, whom he hath manifested in me and thousands, by the brightness of his appearing, to put an end to sin and Satan, and bring to light Immortality through the preaching of the everlasting Gospel by the Spirit of Prophecie, which is poured out upon the sons and daughters of the living God, according to his purpose, whereof he hath chosen me, who am the least of all; but God who is rich in mercy, for his own Name sake hath passed by mine offences, and hath counted me worthy to bear testimony to his holy Name before the mighty men of the Earth. Oh the love of the Lord to my soul! my tongue cannot express, neither hath it entered into the heart of man to conceive of the things that God hath laid up for them that fear him.

Therefore doth my soul breath to my God for thee and my Children, night and day, that your minds may be joined to the Light of the Lord Jesus, to lead you out of Satans Kingdom, into the Kingdom of God, where we may enjoy one another in the Life Eternal, where neither Sea nor Land can separate; in which Light and Life do I salute thee my dear Husband, with my Children, wishing you to embrace Gods love in making his Truth so clearly manifest amongst you, whereof I am a Witness even of the everlasting Fountain that hath been opened by the Messengers of Christ, who preach to you the Word of God in season, and out of season, directing you where you may find your Saviour to purge and cleanse you from your sins, and to reconcile you to his Father, and to have unity with him and all the Saints, in the Light, that ye may be fellow-Citizens in the Kingdom of Glory, Rest and Peace, which Christ hath purchased for them that love him, and obey him: What profit is there for to gain the whole world, and lose your own souls? Seek first the Kingdom

doms of God, and the Righteousness thereof, and all other things shall be added to you; Godliness is great gain; having the promise of this life that now is, and that which is to come; which is fulfilled to me, who have tasted of the Lords endless love and mercies to my soul, & from a moving of the same love and life do I breath to thee my dear Husband, with my Children; my dear love salutes you all; my Prayers to my God are for you all, that your minds may be joined to the Light wherewith you are lightened, that I may enjoy you in that which is Eternal, and have community with you in the Spirit: He that is joined to the Lord, is one spirit, one heart, one mind, one soul, to serve the Lord with one consent. I cannot by Pen or Paper set forth the large love of God in fulfilling his gracious promises to me in the Wilderness, being put into prison for God's Truth, there to remain all days of my life, being searched, tryed, examined upon pain of death among the Enemies of God and his Truth, standing in jeopardy for my life, until the Lord had subdued and brought them under by his mighty Power, and made them to feed us, and would have given us money or clothes; but the Lord did deck our Table richly in the Wilderness; the day of the Lord is appearing, wherein he will discover every deed of darkness, let it be done never so secret; the light of Christ Jesus will make it manifest in every Conscience; the Lord will rip up all coverings that is not of his own Spirit. The God of Peace be with you all. Amen.

Written in the Inquisition-Prison by the hand  
of Sarah Chevers, for the hand of Henry Che-  
vers my dear Husband; give this, fail not.

I do not well remember that this was one of  
the surprized Letters.



## A Letter to a Kinswoman of S. C.

S. P.

**M**y dear Kinswoman, I dearly salute thee, with thy Husband, and thy tender Babes: I am not unmindful of thee, nor of thy love that thou shewedst to me; I know thou shalt not lose thy reward; thou hast found refreshment in it; for it was of the Lord; My Burthen was weighty for the Lord; I would have fled the Cross; but praise be to the Lord that kept me to it, that I might not lose the Crown. I was straitned in it, till I gave up to it; praised be the Name of our God for ever Amen. Stand fast in the Lord; let none take thy Crown. The God of Power preserve and keep thee lone and single in his fear, pressing forward to the prize of an incorruptible Crown of Glory, Peace and Rest, out of all strife. Keep to the pure life; watch the Enemy; keep thy mind staid in the measure of God's Grace, that is able to make thee wise unto salvation, and to give thee an inheritance with the rest of the Children of Light. My tender lamb, fear and dread the living God; keep in his presence, go not out to let in the Enemy, to break thy peace, and to darken thy understanding, and to vail over the pure, from beholding thy Saviour: bring thine ear to him, give up to a daily Cross to thy own will: Stand single, empty; wait upon the Lord to be fill'd with his fulness; let him be all thy treasure; ask of him, he giveth liberally. Believe, and thou shalt receive; his promise is large, I have found it so: Having nothing, yet enjoying all things. I have tasted, handled and felt of his everlasting love, and indurable Riches; my life is wrapt up in it; I have found him whom my soul loveth; Oh what might I do to set him forth! He is the choicest of ten thousands, therefore doth my soul love him:

My life is given up for him, his truth for to declare;  
Lord guide me in thy path, and keep me in thy fellowship Amen.

Thy dear Aunt: My dear love and life is with thee, and I do embrace thee in the Arms and Bosom of my Eternal Father's love, with thy dear Husband and little ones.

Another



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*Another in the same Paper to Friends.*

**M**Y dearly beloved Sisters and Friends of Truth, I dearly salute you in the Light, Life and Love of our God, which is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, wherein I do rejoice, and have union with you. My Life is given up to serve the Lord. O how my soul travels for the Seed of God's Kingdom to be sown throughout all Nations, for the gathering in of Christ's scattered Flock, and for the destruction of sin and Satan. For our God is weighing the Mountains in Scales, and the Dust in equal an Ballance: He is a pulling down the mighty, and raising the meek, humble, lowly; he is a feeding the poor and hungry with good things, but the rich he sends empty away. My dear Babes and Lambs, feed of the sincere Milk of the Word of Life, that you may grow up in it, and wax strong in spirit to praise the Lord, and to glorifie him who is worthy. Be strong in the Lord, and in the Power of his Might; seek him earnestly, call upon him continually; let your whole Meditations be staid in him alway. Seek him earnestly, deny your own thoughts and words; give heed to the Light, bring all your deeds to it; give up all that is contrary, to be slain; stand single, empty, naked before the Lord, that you may be fill'd with the streams of his everlasting Love. Oh my dear hearts! our God is full of love; stand not back, press forward, let nothing hinder you; the Lord calls for you, *My Son, give me thy heart*: The promise of our God is as large to you as to any, if you can believe; your straitness is in your selves; For God is a full Fountain; abundance of love runs forth to them that can trust him, I can witness it; in the barren Wilderness he caused streams of living water to break forth: I cannot express it is so large; therefore doth my soul thirst after you, my dear ones; the love of God is to you. My dear Sisters, I have you in my remembrance, and do pray to my God and your God, that you may be enlarged in your measures to praise the Lord, and to be kept in a sensible feeling of his power daily; and that you may

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increase in Wisdom, Strength and Power over Gods Enemies.  
The Blessing of the Lord God Almighty be with you, and pre-  
serve you by his Mighty Power, unto the coming of our Lord Je-  
sus Christ, *Amen.*

Salute me to my Sister S. R. there is a tender Plant in her, I do  
feel it to my comfort, praises be to the Lord, I am in health I praise  
the Lord, and do want nothing, the Lord is my portion, I can-  
not want; he hath deck't my Table richly, he hath annointed  
my head with Balm, it runneth down the skirts of my cloathing.

Written in the Inquisition-  
on Prison, at the Isle  
of Malta, a sufferer  
for the Seeds sake. Fare-  
wel at this time. *Amen.*

Your dear Sister in the Lord,

SARAH CHEVERS.

Another from K. E. to her Husband and Children, with  
somewhat from both the Lords Prisoners, to Friends,  
the which was taken with the rest of the Letters, in  
the Inquisition, and copied out for their Lord Inqui-  
sitor.

**D**ear Husband, with my dear Children. I beseech you toge-  
ther, to wait in the patience, having your minds alwayes  
staied upon the Lord: Keep out of incumbrances, for that is the  
Enemies opportunity to step in, when the mind is gone forth, and  
to vail the pure, and darken the understanding, and so hinder you  
of the pure enoyment of the beholding the glory of God in the  
face of Jesus Christ.

Take no more upon you then you are able to perform in the  
Spirit of moderation and meekness, for that is in the sight of  
God of of great prize: See the Lord going before you in all  
your occasions, that you may be prosperous in all your under-  
takings, wait diligently upon the Lord, to be seasoned with his  
Grace, that you may come to a pure understanding of the moti-  
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one of his Eternal Spirit, and to a true knowledge of the operation of his hands; So you will be able with all Saints, to comprehend what is the height, and the depth, and the length, and the breadth of the riches of his Grace and Love towards mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; *Amen*, saith my spirit: This is the counsel of the Lord unto you.

I do often remember *M.H.* I do desire she may be brought up in the fear of God, and want for nothing that is convenient for her; salute me to her dearly. I have been very sensible, dear Husband, of thine, and our Children, and many dear friends more, of your sorrowful souls, mourning hearts, grieved spirits, troubled minds for us, as being Members of one body, Christ Jesus being our Head, we must needs suffer together, that we may rejoice together; a true sorrow begets a true joy, a true Cross a true Crown. We do believe it is our heavenly Fathers will and purpose to bring us back as safe to *England*, as ever he brought us thence, for his own glory, though we are some of the least of Christ's Flock, yet we do belong to the true Fold, and our Shepherd hath had as great a care of us, as he could have for any of his Lambs, and hath brought us through great affliction, praises be given to his glorious Name, of us, and you, and all that know him, for ever. Though we are absent in body in the Will of God, from you, yet we are present in spirit in the Will of God, with you, and do receive the benefit of ~~all~~ your prayers daily, and do feel the Springs of Life that do stream from all the faithful hearted, to our great refreshment and strengthening.

After our money was gone, the Lord Inquisitor, with the rest in Authority, put a great allowance in one of their servants hands for our maintenance, because we could take no money our selves; the Lord of Heaven did forbid us to meddle with any; and he did send to know whether we did want any clothes, he would send it to the Prison to us. This was the large love of our God to us, and we were made contented with that we had, till the Lord God (who is rich in mercy, and full of all Grace, and is never unmindful of any which trust in his Name) of his everlasting love did send a faithful Messenger, whose feet are beautiful, and face is comely, clothed with a bright shining Garment from the Crown of the head, to the sole of the foot, and came in great power and strength.



Strength indeed, armed with the whole Armour of Light, and drest in the Majesty of the Most High, and being commissioned of the Higher Power, went to the Lord Inquisitor to demand our lawful liberty, which would not be granted, except we could get some *English* Merchants of *Legorn* or *Messana* to engage four thousands Dollers, that we should never come into those parts again; the Lord (who alone is our Life and Redremer) moved our dear Brother to offer his own body to redeem ours, but it would not be received; then he offered to lay down his own dear and precious life for our liberty: Greater love can no man have, than to lay down his life for his Friend; the Lord will restore it into his bosom double; his service can never be blotted out; his Name is called *Daniel Baker*; his outward being is near *London*, a right dear and precious heart he is: The blessing, strength, and power of the Almighty be upon him and his, and overshadow them for ever, *Amen*. Greater comfort could never be administered to us in our conditions; Glory, honor and praise to our God for evermore, *Amen*.

This is a dear and sweet Salutation in that which never changeth, fadeth away, nor waxeth old, from us whom the Lord hath counted worthy to bear his Name, and to suffer for his sake, to all our Christian Friends, Fathers and Elders, Pillars of Gods spiritual House, Brethren and Sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Oh my dear Husband, with our dear and precious Children, Lambs of God, and Babes of Christ, begotten of the Immortal Seed of Light, Life and Truth, with us, and all the whole Family of everlasting blessedness.

Pray for us believingly; all things are possible with our God. So my Dearlings, in the arms of everlasting love do I take my leave of you; the blessing and peace of the Most High be upon you ever, *Amen, Amen*.

Oh my dear Husband! praise the Lord that ever thou hadst a Wife that was found worthy to suffer for the Name of the Lord. Inasmuch as I can understand the moving of the Spirit of God; My dear and faithful Yoke-fellow, Sister and Friend, is worthy

to be embraced of all friends for ever; the deeper the sorrow, the  
greater the joy; the heavier the Cross, the weightier the Crown.  
This was written in the Inquisition at *Malta*, of us

*Malta* the 1<sup>st</sup> Month  
of the year 1661.

*Katharine Evans,  
Sarah Chevers.*

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*From K. E. for two Friends.*

**D**early beloved Brother in the everlasting Covenant of Light  
and Life, do I dearly salute and embrace thee, with thy dear  
Wife, my beloved Sister, and thy dear Children, whom I dearly  
love in that which never changeth: My dear and faithful Friends,  
I am often refreshed in you, when the Light brings you to my  
remembrance; then do I feel the Springs of Love and Life, which  
arise from the pure Fountain of Eternal refreshments, to my  
joy and comfort, wherein I am made to praise and glorify my  
God and your God, who hath redeemed us out of the Chains of  
darkness, and Kingdom of darkness, into the everlasting bright-  
ness, glory, joy, and perfect blessedness for ever, to dwell in the  
enjoyment of his living presence, as we abide faithful to Eterni-  
ty; in his presence is fulness of joy, and at his right hand is plea-  
sure for evermore.

My prayers are night and day without ceasing, to our Heav-  
enly Father, that not one of his begetting may ever turn or slide  
back, but that every one may press forward towards the Mark  
of the price of the high calling in Christ Jesus, who is our Life  
and glory, and so all may come to wear the Crown of Life and  
Immortality, triumphing in the everlasting Blessedness of the  
Heavenly Riches and Eternal joy and happiness that's perfect for  
ever, *Amen.*

Oh! my dear Brother and Sister, we are all children of our Fa-  
ther, begotten in the everlasting Seed of the Promise of Eternal  
life and salvation. Oh my precious Friends, wait patiently for the



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always in the pure fear of the perfect and pure God, who hath  
an Eternal Treasure, full of everlasting Riches, and ready to distrib-  
ute them to all his dutiful Children: Glory and Praises be given  
to his blessed Name for ever. Oh my beloved ones! your love to  
me is written in the Records that cannot be lost. Dear hearts, glo-  
rify our God in my behalf, that ever he counted me worthy to  
suffer for his Name; I hope to see your faces again (yet once more)  
with joy and gladness, with my dear yoke-fellow in the Lord's  
Work, before we go hence, and be no more seen. So in the ten-  
der bowels of pure Love, do I take my leave of you at this time.  
The everlasting peace and blessedness be upon you, and upon the  
whole Israel of God, Amen.

Dearly salute us to all Friends.

This was written in the Inquisition  
at Malta, in the 11th Month  
of the year 1661.

Katharine Evans.

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There was another Letter (and Paper) which was intercepted;  
but I have it not here with me, it being sent home from Le-  
gern. Yet here followeth more of their Writings to Friends,  
and to my own particular, which at several times I received  
from them, unknown to the Oppressors. I will so transcribe

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A Copy of a Letter that I was moved to  
write the next day after I came to the  
Island and City; and communicated to  
their hands.

Dear Lambs, peace be unto you, Amen.  
Now seeing that the everlasting God and Father of all  
truth,



truth, hath in his tender love, and Fatherly mercy, and bowels of compassion (through the trials of manifold sufferings and temptations) hitherto, even to this day, upheld and preserved you in the innocency, and its testimony against the contrary: although sometimes (I know that) you have tasted the sentence of death in your selves, and even (as it were) ready to despair of life; yet in the living testimony of innocency, in the answer of a good Conscience, I *Daniel* bear you record, (in the Covenant of Life) the same remaineth with you, and you are in it a good sweet favour to the Lord, and his Eternal Truth and People. Oh! blessed for ever be his Name, yea and my very heart and life, blesteth and magnifieth the Lord on your behalf.

Wherefore my dear Friends, be faithful, full of Faith, and the living, invisible God of Peace is with you, and will not forsake you, seeing it is so, and much more you know which might be declared.

Oh! I am moved in the Bowels of my Father's love, as one with you (in trials, and in the exercise of manifold temptations) to stir up your pure and innocent minds by way of remembrance, and also to beseech you to take heed to the Testimony of Life that's undefiled, and manifest in you, and to dwell in the same which retains the joy and comfort of the Lord, and his peace, which you know is not of the World; and so to watch and beware of the Enemy that is near to tempt to make shipwreck of Faith and a good Conscience, and to despair, and so to betray not only your own innocent long-sufferings, but also the Testimony of the Lord God of our Life, for which you have so long suffered, and by the pure Divine virtue of the same have you been to this day preserved; so that the Lord (who is, and will be your reward) hath not been wanting to you on his part. Oh faint not, but lift up your heads, and be faithful still, as I am not otherwise perswaded concerning you; and I am well perswaded, that in his own Covenant and Way, deliverance will come to the seed; and ye know, if the same come not in his own Covenant of Truth, in the Light of his Countenance, it cannot be well; but your nay (you know) is to be nay, and so to stand in the Truth, against the contrary, whatsoever our God permits unreasonable men to inflict upon the outward or visible body; and the same also will

work for his glory, and also for the good and eternal peace of his innocent suffering Lambs notwithstanding.

Your tender Brother

D. B.

And when this, with other Papers I had through not a little difficulty communicated to their hands over the heads of our Enemies, I was moved to speak my Message as from the Lord of Life to them after I had offered up my body, and to lay down my life for these poor innocents, my dear friends, and so with my voice I saluted them in the Lord's Truth, as they stood at the prison-Grates with these words in the behalf of the general Assembly of the Saints in light, to wit, *The whole Body of God's Elect, right dearly owneth your Testimony, and you are a sweet savour unto the Lord and his people:* And forasmuch as one of these poor afflicted Lambs replied, and said on this wise, as if it was a trouble to them that they could not be more serviceable. Then my heart being melted, and my bowels of pity, mercy and compassion, being moved, I said, That it was a wonderful mercy of the Lord, in as much as they were preserved in their own measure of Truth and pure innocency, for which my heart praised the Lord for what mine eye saw, which right dearly affected my heart, and we were well refreshed at that season, in the sweet presence of our living God, albeit our bodies were at a distance, but so as we could behold each others face through the Prison bars of Iron, in the Inquisition.

Now for so much as in the Wisdom of God it is seen meet that the fore mentioned and following Writings which came from their hands, might appear to publike view, that thereby every Member of the one Body may have a right understanding, and not onely so, but also a sensible feeling, not onely of the trials and sufferings in part of these innocent Lambs, but also of the consolations of each other, as fellow Members of the infinite Body of which

which Christ Jesus the Lord is both King and Head, in whom be endless dominion and pure glory, and eternal salvation, *Amen.*

And so I being as it were constrained to publish the acceptable Words that sound and savor of pure innocency and clear truth, for the Elect's sake, in the same Love and Life I am the more free hereunto, even as a Child, that differs but little from a servant, as I am in the Father's Love, Power and Grace of Life, fitted to serve the undefiled Life of the least in the Kingdom of Blessedness, and to administer comfort or what else I have received from the Eternal Fountain or Fulness, for the use or service of either Body, Mind, Soul or Spirit, of my own Flesh or Family, seeing no man ever hated his own Flesh; and he is worse than an Infidel that provideth not for his own Family, especially them of his own House.

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*This is a sweet Salutation to God's Elect Church in England and Ireland.*

**R**ight dear, precious and Heavenly ones, whose Beauty shineth bright, and at whose Name the hearts of the Heathen do tremble: We who through the everlasting Mercies of our God, are Members of the same Body, and are held in strait Captivity, and hard Bondage, for witnessing forth the same Testimony and Covenant of pure Light, Life and Truth of our God, with you dear and faithful ones indeed, We here in the same Covenant of pure Love, and Bowels of tenderness, do dearly salute and embrace you all, glorifying and praising our Eternal Father for you all, who hath counted us worthy to partake of the fellowship and sufferings for the Bodies sake, with you in tribulations, fiery trials, manifold temptations, fastings, watchings, heats and colds, and cruel threatening and persecutions, perils by Sea, and perils by Land, standing in jeopardy of our lives year after year, and looking every hour, day and night, for many

Weeks



Weeks together, when we should be brought out to Execution; but though Proclamation was made, and they came up to the very Gate with a Drum and Musquets, to fetch us out to destroy us, yet the Lord God of everlasting strength, who in the deepest of all dangers, and greatest extremity, when all hopes were past, did but blow upon them with the breath of his nostrils, and they did flye as dust before the Wind; for which we do entreat all Friends to glorifie our God on our behalf; for never did the Lord our God work greater deliverance for any, than he hath done for us from time to time, who are the least and weakest for what we know, that ever the Lord our God sent forth in so great & weighty a Work; but all things are possible with him, who made and created all things; it is he alone which carrieth on his own work by his own mighty Power, and the glory shal be his own for ever more, *Amen.*

Oh our dearly beloved Friends, did you know but the third part of the afflictions the Lord our God hath carried us through, you would say, The Lord hath wrought as great a Miracle in our preservation, as ever he did in raising *Lazarus* out of the Grave: And in the greatest of our afflictions we could not say in our hearts, Father, would thou hadst not brought us here; but cryed mightily to our God for power to carry us through whatsoever should be inflicted upon us; that the Truth of our God might not suffer through our weakness: And the Lord did hear us, and answered us in righteousness, and carried us on with all boldness; and made our fore-heads as Flint, and our Brows as Brass; in the faces of our Enemies; that whensoever we were brought forth upon trial, all fear was taken away; that we stood as Iron-Gates; and Castle-Walls in the faces of our Enemies; so that they said, *we would fain be burned;* but we answered, No, we would not willingly be burned; but if our Heavenly Father doth call us to suffer in that kind for his Name sake, he will give us power to go through it; and we have great cause to believe it; for our Lord God never called us to do any service for him, but he gave us power, and made way for his own Work; glory and praise be to his Holy Name for ever.

Dearly beloved friends, marvel not why *Israel* is not gathered in all this time; it is not for want of labour, nor travel, nor grief;

nor pain, fasting, nor mourning, nor weeping, nor love to their souls; but it is because of the great oppression: For there are a willing people, but they dare not until the Lord make way for them. Truly Friends, we have not been idle since we saw your faces, nor have we had much ease to the flesh; but do travel night and day for *Sion's* prosperity and perfect joy, and for the reparation of *Jerusalem*, and her pure praise; though our sorrows are deep, and our afflictions grievous, yet we do wait with patience to reap the peaceable fruits of righteousness, and enjoy the benefit of our uprightness; Praises be to our God for ever, he hath kept us by his power and holiness, that our Enemies have not one jot or tittle against us, but for the Truth of our God, and that we could not join with them; so they would not suffer us to have one line of refreshment, but stript us out of all, so that we could not expect one drop of mercy, favour nor affection, but what our Heavenly Father did distil upon us from his living presence, and work for us by the operation of his own Arm of strength and power. But dear Friends, though a long Winter, and many sharp and terrible storms have past over our heads, so that we cannot express our sorrows; so likewise we cannot declare our joys. Oh! in the midst of all our afflictions, our God did draw nigh unto us, and did speak comfortably unto us with many sweet and precious promises, and did never suffer his faithfulness to fail us; nor was he wanting unto us in Visions and Revelations. Oh how doth he appear in his glory, beauty and brightness, so that our souls are ravished and wrapped up with his living presence and glory many times, so that we do not dare to look out at our long sufferings nor trials, but do press forwards towards the fulness of joy and blessedness which our Eternal Father hath prepared for all them that love him, and walk in obedience to him; and we know, the deeper our sorrow is, the greater our joy shall be; and the heavier our Cross, the weightier our Crown, as we abide faithful: And we do believe, that neither Principalities nor Powers, nor sufferings, nor imprisonment, nor persecution, nor life nor death, shall be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord and Saviour, Amen.

Dearly beloved Friends though our bodies are bolted up in the Rocks and Caves of the Earth, yet our spirits (you know) none can

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can limit nor confine to any place. And we do behold your order  
and steadfastness of your faith and labour of love, and are daily  
refreshed in all the faithful hearted. Oh dear hearts! the remem-  
brance of the least of you is precious. Oh! the Rivers of tears  
that have distilled from our eyes, whilst we do think upon you,  
for joy, because of your growth and flourishing in the Truth. Oh!  
you are Virgins indeed, who have Oyl in your Vessels, and your  
Lamps burning, and are clothed with the long white Robes of  
Righteousness, and are adorned with the Ornaments of pure  
Beauty and glorious brightness. (abundance of you) to our joy  
and comfort; and we do pray night and day, That every Babe of  
our Heavenly Father's begetting may prosper, even as we desire  
our own souls should prosper; and that every one may be kept  
out of incumbrances, and use the World as if they used it not;  
but every one's mind, spirit, heart and soul, may be exercised in  
the Eternal, by the Power of God, out of the earthly, out of the  
visible, out of the carnal and perishing things of this life, (so as  
to trust in it) into the heavenly, into the spiritual, into the invisi-  
ble, into that which never changeth, fadeth, nor waxeth old, where  
every one may dwell in the enjoyment of the presence of the  
Lord; for in the presence of the Lord is fulness of joy, and at his  
right hand is pleasure for evermore. Oh! that every one may be  
emptied of your selves, and unbottomed of your selves, that you  
may build wholly upon the sure foundation, and anchored so fast  
upon the Rock of Ages, that neither the swelling Seas, nor the  
foaming Waves, nor stormy Winds, though they beat vehement-  
ly, may ever be able to remove you. Oh dear Brethren! in the  
life and power you may feel the issues of Love and Life, which  
stream as a River to every soul of you, from the hearts of us that  
are wholly joined to the Fountain; Glory and everlasting praises  
be given to his holy Name. Our whole souls, spirits, hearts and  
minds, are given up to serve the Lord in whatsoever he requireth  
of us, as he shall make it manifest unto us. And we do blesse his  
Name forever, that he hath found us worthy of so high  
a calling, as to bind Kings in chains, and Nobles in fetters of Iron.  
Our prayers are continually for the advancement of the Gospel  
of the Lord Jesus throughout the whole Earth, for the gathering  
of the Seed of the Elect of God; and for the raising of it up over  
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the Seed of the Serpent, in power and great glory, to bear rule, and to have dominion over the whole World, that the Kingdoms of this World may become the Kingdoms of our Lord Jesus, that he may rule in his Princely Power, and reign in his Kingly Majesty, whose Right it is; that the knowledge of the Lord may cover the Earth, as the Water covereth the Sea; that all the Children of the Lord may be taught of the Lord, and be established in Righteousness; that so the Mourners in *Sion* may rejoice; and the heavy hearted in *Jerusalem* may be right glad: The Lord God of Power hasten it for his own Name's sake, and for his Elect's sake, that lye in captivity under the hands of the dark Powers of the Earth, either spiritual or temporal; *Amen, Amen* saith our spirits.

Dear and precious Friends and Brethren, pray for us, that we may finish our Testimony to the glory of God, and to the praise of his holy Name, and to the comfort of all that love his appearing, and to our own eternal salvation, and to the shame and confusion of all that hate the Lord Jesus, and persecute his Truth. So in the pure Vnity of the Covenant of Light, Life, Peace, Love, and everlasting Righteousness, do we take our leaves of you all at this time, hoping and believing we shall see your faces once again, before we go hence, and be no more seen. Dear Friends, pray for us.

Though we were in many streights and hardships by reason of the oppression; yet whilst our minds were staid upon the Foundation, we saw no want, but our tender Father, whose heavenly eye was ever over us, saw our necessities, sent his right dear and precious Servant, and just and faithful Steward, *Daniel Baker*, to administer to our necessities both spiritual and temporal; he came not in his own time, will nor strength, but in the Will and time, Strength and Power of the Almighty God, at whose presence the Mountains were removed, the tall Cedars were made to bow, the strong Oaks to stoop. Oh wonderful! He went to the Lord Inquisitor, (the Popes Deputy) to demand our lawful Liberty, which would not be granted, unless he and we would write to *Messana*, or *Legorn*, to some *English* Merchant to be engaged for four thousand Dollers: Which Proposition being out of the Covenant of Light we durst not stoop to it, but our dear Brother in Christ Jesus offered his body for our liberty, but it would

would not be granted; nothing would serve but one to engage for four thousand Dollers to be paid, if ever we come into these parts again. Then in obedience to the Lord he offered up his Life for our Freedom, but all would not serve, the Will of our God be done.

Oh dear Friends! greater Love was never heard of, than for a man to lay down his Life for his Friend. Oh! it is worthy to be recorded in remembrance of him for ever; here he came up and down to administer to us with his Life in his hand, time after time. So the Lord God of Power reward him double into his bosome for ever. Oh how did he refresh our souls, spirits, minds and bodies through great tryals, which is never to be forgotten.

Written in the Inquisition at  
Malta, in the 11th. Month  
of the year 1661. By us

Katharine Evans,  
Sarah Chevers.

Who have suffered for the living testimony of Jesus, and his pure Innocency, in Bonds, tryals and tribulations, more than three years, to this day.

### A short Relation of some more of their exceeding great Tryals and Temptations.

NOW in short time after we were taken Prisoners, we were stung with Flies called *Muskatoes*, in our faces and our heads, as we lay in our Beds, that were swollen as if we had the small-Pox, so that all people were afraid of us, save the *English Consul*; they thought we had been unclean persons, so that a Fryar told Sarah he saw an

an evil spirit in her face, which was a great trial; they could not sleep in their beds in the house, they were so tormented, & we were told, that they had seen them that did pray and preach every day were burnt for Witches in a short time; and they would keep us to see our lives and conversations; and so they have: And glory beto our God, they cannot lay guilt to our charge; but are made to confess the truth.

In a few days after we were there, in a Vision, in the night, the Lord appeared unto me, and shewed me, that round about us, and above and beneath us, there were many Magicians of *Egypt*; and the Lord smote me, and said unto me, *The Devil hath desired to winnow you as Wheat; but pray that your faith fall not.* And the sight was very dreadful and terrible; and the voice of the Lord did awaked me with much trembling and amazement, and a great War for the space of twelve hours, before I could get the victory; and we did witness but little ease to the flesh night nor day. We went in obedience to the Lord to one of their Tower-Houses in time of their Worship, and stood trembling in the midst of them; and I was made to turn my back to the high Altar, and kneel down, and lift up my voice in prayer unto the Lord, and he that was saying Service, drew off his Surplice, and kneeled a little beside us till I had done; and he reacht forth his hand to us, to come to him; and offered me a token; and the Lord shewed me it was the Mark of the Beast: And I refused it; and he put it into Sarah's hand, and she gave it him again, and shewed him her Purse, that she had to give, if any had need. And he asked if we were *Calvinists* or *Lutherans*? And we said, Nay. And he asked if we would go to *Rome* to the Pope? But we denied. And he asked if we were *Catholicks*? And we told him, We were true Christians, the servants of the living God. And many of them were amazed, and came round about us; We having but little of their Tongue, gave our Testimony (for the Lord) in words and signs, as well as we could; and they were made subject to the Power at that present, praises be given to our God, and we departed in peace.

And since that, the Lord laid such a heavy burthen upon us, that we did question what he would do with us, before we knew the mind of God in it. And upon a set day they had a great



Meeting to take their holy Sacrament, (as they call it) in a high place; but we knew nothing of it, nor where it was, but what the Lord revealed to us. And we were made to go in, and stand in the midst; and there were many lights in divers places, and many Christs, as they call them, and much costliness and abominations of the Earth; they had so many sorts of holy Garments (as they call them) of so many colours, that it would make one wonder how the Devil did invent it. And there we were made to stand in the midst for the space of three parts of an hour, as near as I can judge, in great power, trembling and quaking, and bitter mourning, so that they were all amazed, and some removed further for fear, but knew not what to do; for I never did witness such an Earthquake. In the end one came soberly, and spake to us to go forth; and we went in the Lord's time, and sat at the door trembling and mourning, to the astonishment of them, and being so overcome with their abominations, we went along the street reeling to and fro, and staggering like drunken men, so that we were a wound to all that saw us: It was the wonderful Power of God that made way for us to go forth to them, and kept us. They have used all the Craft they have day and night to Inchant us as the Lord hath made it known unto us, Glory and praises be to his everlasting Name for ever more. We know that there is no Inchantment against Jacob, nor divination against Israel.

Dearly beloved friends. Wee dearly salute you all in the invisable life of our God, who is our life, our peace, our stay and strength; under whose shadow wee are Refreshed, praises, glory and honour be given unto his powerfull name of all his for ever.

Truly friends, we are not able to declare the large mercies of our God vouchsafed unto us from time to time, his horn is our strength, and his Name our strong Tower in all our troubles, temptations, trials and sufferings; he is a God at hand, and not afar off, and doth make us sensible before-hand, by Visions and Revelations, what is coming upon us; and doth arm us with his own Armour, and makes us as bold as Lyons; for we fear not the face of man, because we know we shall not suffer any thing but what shall make for the glory of our God; but truly we had fainted long ago, had not the Lord upheld us by his free Spirit; but we know the Lord take care of the least of them that trust him:

him: Praises be unto him for ever. Dear Friends, though we be absent in body, yet we are present in spirit, and do feel you in that which cannot be separated, as we abide faithful; and are much refreshed in you, and the remembrance of you is precious unto us: Oh! that all our Friends could prise the company, and the sight of each others faces. We do not want the company of Fryars, Jesuits and Magistrates, nor great women: Here are some that have breathings after life, but they dare not shew it, for the same thing that was, is; they will not enter in themselves, nor suffer them that would.

The Lord Inquisitor sent to us, that if we would (being we are good Women) we should go into the Nunnery among the holy Women; and be maintained as long as we live, in regard we have denied the World, and all we have. And the Fryar told us, if we would come to their Masse-house and receive their holy Sacrament, we should be the most eminent Catholicks in all *Malta*; but we denied them in the Name of the Lord, and all their dead foppery which they have invented. Here we are kept under the Inquisition, as they say, till they have Orders from the Pope of *Rome* what they should do with us.

We beseech you all, faithful Friends, pray for us, for great are our trials: Did you but know the abominations that the Devil hath invented here, you would think it were tryal enough: But here we have cruel mockings; and the same contradictions, trials and temptations that ever the servants of the Lord had, & Christ himself: It is the wonderful Power of God that we are preserved till this time; for all the whole Island are Papists, and given up to Idolatry. We are despised of all people, and abhorred of all Nations; and because they cannot have any just thing against us, they do invent lyes against us; but the Lord is on our side, for else the Enemy would soon destroy us; for great is their rage; and we have continual War with them night and day we feel; behold their threatenings and cruelty is more than our tongues can express: Give us the love of our God, for he doth refresh us with the sweet drops of his mercy, and doth water us every moment with the everlasting springs of his Love, or else we had sailed long ago.

Oh! let all who know the Lord, praise and glorify his holy Name for ever and ever, Amen. Dear Friends Friends, farewell in the Lord.

From us who are in outward Bonds in the City of Malta, for the Testimony of Jesus, glory be to his Name for ever, who hath counted us worthy. We are in health at present, blessed be God.

Katharine Evan.  
Sarah Chivers.

### *Several other Writings to D.B. whilst he was in MALTA.*

OH thou tender-hearted one, whom our God and our Eternal Father hath sent to relieve us his poor innocent Lambs, in hard bondage, and deep captivity, which thou art an eye-witness of: none can receive or discern it, but those that do see it: But our Heavenly Father, who hath respect to the rest of them that believe in his Name, hath sent thee to be an eye-witness in some measure, of what we have undergone. Oh my dear, precious and endeared one! thou meek Lamb, thou innocent Dove, who dost bear the likeness, beauty and brightness of that unspotted one that is come in the Volume of the Book to do the Will of God: We can give in our Testimony for thee, that thou camest here in the Power and Authority of the Most High, to which the tall Cedars were made to bow, and the strong Oaks to bend, praises, praises be given to our everlasting God for evermore. Oh my dearly beloved Brother, thy beauty shineth indeed, thou art all glorious within and without; thy Garments are perfumed with all delightful scents. We smell the sweet odour thereof, and do feel the fulness of Love and Life which runs from thy tender heart day and night to us, and in the same unity of Love do our hearts stream forth to thee, and thou knowest full well: Oh how hath



have our hearts and bowels been melted for thee; our heads and eyes have run with tears, and our souls have been poured forth to our Heavenly Father for thy preservation, and we do truly labor to see thy face before thou comest: Glory and praises be given to our Eternal Lord God, *Amen* saith our spirits; that he doth vouchsafe us so great a mercy as to behold the face of so precious a Friend: We do beseech God to moderate us with his Eternal Spirit, that we may always be mindful of his mercies, and never to let his benefits slip out of our minds. We have been near death many times, when we had none to come near us, but those that preacht death and destruction to us; I have lain twelve dayes, or more, in a fast, in strong travel night and day, that my dearly beloved Yoke-Mate would have been glad if the Lord would have taken me out of the body, because of my weak affliction.

Then the English Fryar which was here, came up and down to us, and down to us, and would say to my Friend, *She is ready to depart; send for me, and take notice what torment she will be in; a thousand Devils will be about her, to fetch her soul to Hell, because she will not be a Catholick.* And after we vvere parted, vve vvere called to fast, so that my Friend vvas so vveak, that she put on such linnen upon her head, as she thought to lie in her Grave: We did eat but little in a Month together, vwhen our money vvas almost done, till vve did knowv the mind of the Lord vwhat to do: Then they did run to and fro like mad men, and the Fryars did come and say, The Inquisitor sent them to tell us, vve might have any thing vve vould eat; and they did say, it vvas not possible that ever creatures could live vvith so little meat for so long a time together. They bring us meat, and say, the English Consul did send it. It vvas a glorious Fast indeed, the Lord did appear vvonderfully in it, praises be given to him for ever, *Amen.*

We vvere very vveak, because the povver did vvork so strongly; I had no manner of food in my body five or six days together; We did lie in clothes, because vve had no strength to put them off, nor one to make our bed: Then vve did speak to the Fryar, that vve might come together; but he said they had no such order; if vve vould have a Phylician, vve might. And there vve lay, none knowving from morning to morning, vvwhether vve vvere dead or alive. We vvere kept quiet and still till the Lord's

time was come; they brought many things for us to eat: Then the Lord said, *Thou mayest take as freely as if thou hadst laboured for it with thy hands; I will sanctifie it to thee through the Crosse.* And he said unto Sarah, *she should eat of the fruit of her hands, and be blessed.* And we did eat, and were refreshed, and glorified the Lord; We did cry mightily unto the Lord night and day, that we might not eat nor drink to offend him, vve-vvould rather dye. The Lord vvas vvell pleased vvith our Sacrifice, and did encrease our strength, and administered comfort to us; honor and glory be to his blessed Name for ever. In the lowest of all our conditions, we were kept a top of all the Mountains, so that they could not make us shrink or bow one jot or tittle to any of their Precepts or Commands. Yet the Fryars have commanded us in the Name of their God to kneel vvith them in prayer.

The time is too little for me to disclose the twentieth part of the terrible trials; but whensoever we were brought upon any tryal, the Lord did take away all fear from us, and multiplied our strength, and gave us power and boldness to plead for the truth of the Lord Jesus, and Wisdom of Words to stop the mouths of the gain-sayers, that they vvould be made to say we spake truth; they could never say otherwise: But they vvould say, We had not the true faith, but we had all virtues. Oh dear heart! if it be our Eternal Father's good pleasure to carry thee away vvithout us, vve do beseech our Heavenly Father to bless, and to give thee a prosperous return, and to seed thee with the fulness of the blessing of the povverful Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.* And vve do believe vve shall not vvant thy prayers, nor the prayers of all the faithful, that we may keep faithful to the end, so that our God may be glorified, his Church and People may be refreshed and rejoiced, and we may receive our Reward with the rest of the Lord's Lambs.

Our Life is with thee, for oh! thou art full of Love, thou tender-hearted one, vvho hath offered up thy sanctified body, and purified life, in obedience to the Lord, for us poor afflicted lambs vvith thee, and companions in tribulations, trials and persecutions, and in perils at Sea, and perils by Land. Oh thou precious Lamb of God, great is thy Reward in Heaven, great will be the Well-spring of joy that vvill arise in thee, in thy Journey: Oh thou

thou happy one indeed ! vvhom the Lord our God hath made choice of amongst his faithful Flock , and endued with so much pouer to come into such a place as this, not the like in all *Europe* by their own report, and all others , and to stop the mouths of Lyons , and to trample upon the heads of Serpents , Scorpions and Vipers of the Earth; and they could not hurt thee; their stings are taken out of their heads; and out of their tails, glory, honor and everlasting praises be given to our God for evermore, of all that know him; for he is worthy.

And the Lord bless thee and thine for ever *Amen*; and encrease thy strength, and multiply thee abundantly in every good gift and Grace, and prosper all thy undertakings, that thou mayest be approved for ever before the King of Saints, in the General Assembly of the Most High, and stand before the Throne of his Majesty vvith joy unspeakable, and full of glory , *Amen*; *Amen* saith our Spirits.

Dearly beloved, pray for us, that we fall not, nor fail, whereby our Enemies may have any advantage to reioice, and say, We served a God that could not serve us, and called upon a God that could not deliver us; as if we were like them, to call upon stocks, stones, pictures, and painted Walls, and dead things, that cannot see, hear nor speak through their throats. We do beseech thee to tel all our dear Friends, Fathers and Elders, the Pillars of the spiritual Building, with all the rest of our Christian Brethren, that we do desire their Prayers, for we have need of them.

**O**H! How strong and powerful's our KING

To all that do believe in him?

He doth preserve them from the Snare.

And Teeth of those that would them tear.

We that are sufferers for the Seed,

Our Hearts are wounded, and do bleed,

To see th' Oppression and Cruelty

Of men, that do thy Truth deny,

In Dungeons strong, and Dungeons deep,

To God alane we cry and weep;

Our sorrows none can read nor learn,

But those that have past through the same.



But he whose Beauty shineth bright,  
 Turneth darknesse into Light;  
 Maketh Cedars to bow, and Oaks to bend  
 To him that's sent to the same end.  
 He is a Fountain pure and clear,  
 His Chrystal Streams runs far and near,  
 To cleanse all those which come to him,  
 For to be healed of their sin.  
 All them that do patiently abide,  
 And never swerve nor go aside;  
 The Lord will them deliver out of all  
 Captivity, Bondage and Thrall.

**L** Et E.C. know, That his Exhortations I do dearly embrace,  
 and do witness it to be an Eternal Truth, I have had large  
 experience of it, the Lord hath carried me on in much difficult  
 Service, so that many times the way hath been stoppt up, that to  
 the eye of Reason I could not have a way made both by Sea and  
 Land: Oh if thou didst but know what experience I had of the  
 mighty hand of the Lord in making a way, thou wouldst won-  
 der. Once my way was stoppt, and my persecution was so  
 hot, that I sate in a Field all night to wait upon the Lord to make  
 way for me to do the Work he laid upon me: I could not get  
 lodging for money in Town nor City; it was at Salisbury: where  
 I was whipt in the Market. And the next morning I went  
 through the City by the Watchmen, and they took no notice of  
 me. Wheresoever the Lord did send me, into what Land or Ci-  
 ty, or place soever, if they did put me out never so oft, he would  
 make me go till I got victory: save in the Isle of Man, there was  
 a Souldier came to my bed-side with a naked Sword, and took me  
 by the Arm, and hal'd me out of the Bed at the tenth hour of the  
 night, and carried me on Ship-board: When I put on my clothes  
 I did not dare to rise. That place lies upon me yet; and I have  
 motions to Edinburgh in Scotland, I was never there; the Lord did  
 make me to do him service to almost all the mighty men in Eng-  
 land and Ireland; insomuch that I cryed oft to my God, saying,  
 Lord What wilt thou do with me that am so foolish; to go to such wise  
 men! If I were wise, I did not care if thou didst carry me to the end of  
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*the Earth.* The Lord said, the foolish things must confound the wise; and he would carry me before the mightiest men in all the Earth, to bear his Name before them, and I should have victory wheresoever I went: And I do believe the Lord, and we both are made willing to wait the Lord's time, which is a time of peace and joy, safety and happiness. And we do bless, laud, praise and magnify his holy Name, that he sent so heavenly a Messenger to relieve, strengthen, comfort and refresh us in our great necessity, which is a mercy beyond expression; all Friends that do understand it, will say so; Glory and everlasting praises, honor, power and dominion be given to our Eternal Lord God for evermore; of us, and all that know him, *Amen, Amen* saith our Spirit.

Oh true and faithful Brother, into the Arms of everlasting power and holiness, strength and mightiness, purity and righteousness, do we commit thee, to be kept and preserved, and prosperously carried on in thy Journey: The powerful blessing, peace, joy and happiness of the Majesty of the Most High God go along with thee, to preserve, and protect thee for ever, *Amen, Amen*.

Pray for us dear heart, that we may receive strength to overcome, that we may sing the song of *Moses* and the Lamb, and the redeemed of the Lord, *Amen*.

Dear heart, it is hard for us to part with thee; thou wilt feel it.

The Will of our Eternal Father be done; in the pure unity of the blessed Spirit of Light, Life, Joy, Peace and everlasting Glory, do we here take our leave of thee at this time, hoping to see thy face again with joy in our Lord's time.

O dear heart! our hearts, souls, spirits, and our whole lives goeth along with thee.

The pure peace of our God rest upon thee, *Amen*.

Dearly salute us to all Friends, for they are dear and precious to us indeed.

Farewell, farewell dear heart, farewell.

Dear heart,

**T**Hou hast cleared thy Conscience towards us in the sight of God and man; if here had been many friends, what could have been done more concerning us than thou hast done? Thou hast stood in great jeopardy ever since, and thy life hath been sought for much; We have felt it, and cryed night and day to our Heavenly Father to preserve thee, and safely deliver thee: Whatsoever we do suffer, we desire the Will of our Heavenly Father to be done in all things, if the Lord doth stir up the Earth to help the Woman, it is his own free love; and upon that account we shall receive it, and not upon any other.

This they spake concerning the money I left with them, and for their necessities: And the Lord did appear unto me in a Vision of the Night, and smote me on the Arm, and said; *Look, there is the Pope, he will not hurt thee*; Where he stood in the Room, as one forsaken of God and man; this was at the *English Consuls*, when there was some fear upon me concerning him. Now here is a *Roman* in the Prison which came hither upon some account, he is a Doctor of Law, and differs from them in many things; but they are all of one spirit: He doth constantly affirm, that the Pope hath sent an Order to set us free; and he saith, they are lyars and false blasphemers if they do say the Pope sent any such Order as they speak of. They do meet every day concerning us, we do feel them; some would have it one way, and some another; and so they cannot agree, because they do act contrary to the Will of God; the Lord sets it all on fire, and hath burned all they have done these three years concerning us. Now where they will look a Reward of their charges, we do not know; the wise are taken in their own craftinels, and the subtile in their own snare. There have twelve of them sate in Judgement upon us three years, and some have struck hard at our lives, so that we have been even at death's door. I have lain very weak three Weeks at a time. There are many for us, as far as they do dare. The Lord says, there were two with the Inquisitor for us, and did plead much with him: I did see



see it in a Night-Vision. The *English* Consul which is dead, was with us two several times after we were in the Inquisition; he said he would lend us five pounds when we did want; but when our money was near done, we were made to rejoice greatly, and could not take any of any one. We did not know the mind of the Lord in it; but had we had money, we had not known the mighty Power of God. Now we are able to trust the Lord where-ever he shall carry us without money. We do question the money in the Consul's hand. It will be hard for him to part with it. Our Life is with thee.

### A few Lines to D. B.

**O**H our dear and faithful Friend and Brother, begotten of our heavenly Father, right dear and precious in his sight, and beautiful before his presence. Dear heart, we do glorify our God in our hearts, souls and spirits, who hath called, chosen, and elected thee to come up to the help of him against the Mighty, and hath carryed thee along in so weighty a Work, and hath prospered thee therein, praises be given to his blessed Name for ever, who hath enclosed thee in his Bosom, and Chamber of his everlasting Love, and hath hid thee in his private Pavillion, where them that would hurt thee, cannot find thee, because of the shadowing of his Almightyness, under whose defence thou art kept safe; and he doth carry thee upon the Wings of his Power, so that the Mountains do become plain before thee, which we do see clearly in the Light; Eternal honor and glory be to his Name for ever, who is called; Wonderful Counsellor, the Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace, in whom we have fellowship, and unity one with another, and none can hinder.

Dear heart, we do dearly embrace thy sweet Exhortations, thou being sensible of the instigations of Satan, who hath winnowed us with every bait, winding and twining slights that he hath, Praises be to our God for ever, who hath preserved us, and prevented him.

The Enemies being busse with their Temptations, to have us enter in-  
to their Covenant, thereupon I was moved to write these following  
words, which I communicated to their hands with the former  
Paper, Viz.

**B**Ehold the Word of Life arose in me, saying; (this morning)  
Keep to Yea and Nay, and I will confirm my Covenant unto  
thee. These Words were spoken to the true Seed that shall inher-  
it the Kingdom; the same (you know) is but one in Male and  
Female. And so the blessing of my Life rest upon you, and be  
with you in the same, even in that which hath no end, neither fa-  
deeth away; yea, and my Spirit saith, Amen.

Dear Lambs, read within, and be refreshed, and the God of  
Life and Peace encrease the same, and multiply your strength a-  
bundantly, Amen.

Malta, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the  
11<sup>th</sup> Month, 1661.

D. B.

Another Paper from them to my hand.

**D**Ear and precious heart, in the Eternal Covenant of Light and  
Life of our God do we salute thee, and dearly embrace thee. Oh!  
what hath the Lord made thee unto us! far more precious than we are able  
to express; and great will be thy reward for thy faithfulness to the Lord,  
and thy dear and tender love to us, and thy diligent care of us.  
Oh! thou art the Messenger we have cried long for, to our Heaven-  
ly Father, saying, How long, Oh Lord! How long will it be before thou  
wilt send thy Messenger, whose feet are beautiful, coming upon the  
Mountains, bringing glad tidings of great joy to us thy poor Captives.  
Now hath the Lord our God answered us at large; Praises, praises be to  
his Name for evermore.

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Oh! how are our souls refreshed, and our spirits supported, and our hearts comforted, our minds rejoiced, and our bodies strengthened! Thou canst never do greater service to the Lord our God, than to come into such a place as this is, to offer up thy dear life in ransoming us: Great was the Power that brought thee, and great is the Power that doth uphold thee, and Mighty is the Strength which doth preserve thee, and great will be thy Reward. Thy labour of Love we do bear Testimony cannot be forgotten; nor thy faith unfeigned put out of remembrance; it is written in the Book of Life for ever, and it will be registred and read in the House of Israel Eternally; The mouth of the Lord hath spoken it, and he will perform it. Farewell to the Lord. By us.

Katharine Evans,  
Sarah Chevers.

**O**ur dearly beloved and precious Friend and Brother, right honorable indeed for ever: We dare not look out at thy departure, because we stand in the will of our Maker. The blessing of the Almighty be upon thee for ever, and make thee flourish in all thy endeavours; Thou art called by the Name of Daniel Baker, in the midst of thine Enemies thou art in the hand of thy Maker: And thus the Lord hath spoken, Where-ever thou dost come, thy Glass shall not be broken, until thy Sand be run. Oh! this day is this Prophecie fulfilled in our sight: When they have done dealing treacherously, they shall be dealt treacherously withall; the Lord doth steal in upon them, Praises be to his Name.

Dear heart, salute us dearly to thy dear and precious Wife, with all dear Friends, in the Covenant of Grace and Peace. Dear heart, farewell, farewell.

K. E. S. C.

Another



*Another Letter from Sarah Chevers, to  
friends in Ireland, to be read among the  
assemblies of Saints in Light.*

**O**H! all ye righteous ones, whose dwellings are on high, in the fulness of beauty, holiness and glory, whose Name and Fame reacheth to the ends of the Earth, to the astonishment of the Heathen, and the amazement of the ungodly, to the preparation of all Nations to appear before the dreadful presence of our Lord God Almighty, to be stript of all false coverings, and to be left without excuse; Glory and praises be to our God for ever *Amen*, who hath made us eye-witnesses of his mighty Work, and helpers together with you, according to our measures, to the chaining down of the Powers of darkness, and to the defacing of that painted Harlot, *Mystic Babylon*, with all her Lovers, to the utter overthrow of Antichrist, with all his wicked Kingdom, *Amen*.

The day is dawning, the Sun of Righteousness is arising over all Nations, for to make a clear separation, to gather in his own Flock, and to scatter the proud in the imaginations of their own hearts, to feed the hungry, to heal the sick, and to bind up the broken hearted, to cloath the naked, to visit the spirits in prison, and comfort the Mourners in *Sion*, to cause the heavy-hearted in *Jerusalem* to rejoice.

Oh my dear Friends, who are precious in the sight of our Heavenly Father, partakers of his Divine Nature, living Stones, and holy Assemblies, wherein dwelleth the fulness of God Almighty's Power and Strength, Riches, Glory, Wisdom, Counsel, Knowledge and Understanding; he is the Rock of Ages, the sure Foundation, the Ark of the Covenant of the Promise of everlasting blessedness, *Amen*.

My dear and precious ones, whom my soul loveth, my heart delighteth in you, and my spirit rejoiceth greatly because of the excellency of God's Almightiness amongst you, so that you are a dread to the Nations; Kings, Princes, and mighty men of the Earth shall bow before the Power of Almighty God, by whom

*we are saved by his blood from all iniquity*

we stand, and all shall be brought under the Foot-stool of Christ and his Government, and he alone shall reign in righteousness, and rule the Nations in Judgement; then shall the cry of the poor be heard, and the sighing of the needy be eased, and the yoke of Wickedness be broken, and the oppressed shall be set free, the Image of Christ restored, and the Image of that subtle Serpent defaced, destroyed, and utterly cast down for ever, *Amen*, so saith my spirit: Glory, honor, laud and praise, be given to our Lord God Almighty, for ever, *Amen*.

A sweet Salutation is this, from the breathing forth of my pure Life, to the same Life, in my Spirit, joining in my measure; a sufferer for the Seed's sake, glory to the Lord, who hath counted me worthy; Farewel, farewel my dear hearts. My dear Yoke-mate K. E. dearly salutes all Friends.

O ye holy Assemblies! whose hearts are wholly joined to the Lord, I with you, in the Life & Power of the Almighty God do travel for the raising of the Seed, & the gathering in of the lost sheep of the House of *Israel*. Oh! blessed be the day wherein the Lord called me, and counted me worthy to suffer for the Seed's sake: Praise, praise the Lord for me ye blessed of the Lord, in whom the living praises are found in the living Fountain of God Almighty, the fullness that filleth every empty soul, in the Streams of Love, Life, Light, Strength, Riches, Immortality, and Eternal Glory; So Truth, Joy, Peace and everlasting Blessedness remain with you all for ever, *Amen*.

My Life is given up for the service of the Lord; Bonds, Chains, Bolts, Irons, double doors, Death it self is too little for the Testimony of Jesus, and for the Word of God; so the Seed be gathered, it is but a reasonable Sacrifice: Bonds and Afflictions be-ride the Gospel of Christ; *He that will live godly in Christ Jesus, must suffer Persecution*; it is an evident token.

My dear Friends, my Light, my Life, my Love hath perfect Union in the Eternal Spirit of the living God, and remains with you all for ever. Fathers, Elders, Pillars, Nursing Mothers in *Israel*, true *Israelites* indeed, in whom is no guile. My dear Salutation, and breathing forth of my Eternal Father's Love is to all the breathing Seed, begotten of the Heavenly Father, Peace, Mercy and Truth be multiplied among you all for ever, *Amen*.

Pray

Pray for us that we may have boldness over our Enemies, to fulfil the righteous Will of our Heavenly Father, and be kept faithful in his Will, for ever, *Amen*. Streams of Love and Life floweth from a living Fountain, to you all my dear Friends; Our love remaineth ever with you all, *Amen*.

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Present this to the hand of L. C.

**L**. C. Thou Nursing-Mother in Israel, peace be to thee for ever, *Amen*. Thy dear Brother Daniel Baker, in the Covenant of Life, in obedience to the Lord, hath visited us, to the amazement of our Enemies, Glory be to the Lord for ever, *Amen*; He hath been a faithful Steward indeed, worthy to be had in remembrance in the Book of Israel, for ever, *Amen*. Whatsoever for the Truth we suffer, our reward is with us, and our innocent life will clear us, *Amen*.

Written by me Sarah Chevers, a Prisoner in the Inquisition, for the clear Testimony of the Lord Jesus: This 11th. Month of the year 1661-

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**N**ow after I had received these Papers, though not through a little streights and difficulty, with jeopardy of my precious Life, which my God sweetly through all preserved, Glory to his Name; my heart was (as it were) overcome with the loving-kindness and salvation of the living Lord, and in his savory Life my mouth was filled with thanksgiving and praises to my God; and I said in my heart on this wise, Who am I, oh Lord! or what was my Father's House, or what is the Land of my Nativity, that I (a poor afflicted and despised Worm!) should be raised up to see and perceive what mine eye, mine eye in thy Eternal Power and pure Life beholds! Oh my God! thou hast known the innocent travel of my soul, which I right well know the same is not hid from thee, even from the day of my birth unto this moment, through no small trials and tribulations, and through the exercise



cise of manifold temptations; yet behold, my Life is preserved at this time: And oh! my heart, my mind, my soul, my spirit, in thy pure, undefiled Life and Virtue, blesteth thy Name, thy pure Name, which thy Virgins love and live in, and in the same they glorifie thy beloved, and the Wings of thy Majesty overshadoweth them, and their delight is under the secret shadow of thy Almightyness, blessed be thy Glory, blessed be thy undefiled Power, blessed and magnified be thy pure Wisdom, and let the same be so even in the Tabernacles of the just for ever. Thou Lamb of Immortality, the Thrones, the Kingdoms, and Eternal Dominions are thine, and over all thy Throne is, and shall be exalted, and thy Lambs behold thy glory and thy Majesty, in this the day of thy terrible and glorious appearance; Wisdom, Riches, Glory, Power, Might and Dominion everlasting (with Eternal Salvation) over all, to thy Name, *Amen*, saith my Spirit, in the Life which is, was, and for ever shall be, the same which liveth and abideth for ever, and fadeth not away: In the same I commend thy dear, tender Lambs, to be preserved according to thy unsearchable Wisdom, and counsel of thine own heart, to thy everlasting Renown and Glory, and their Eternal comfort and joy, and felicity with thy Saints and Angels in the Light of thy countenance, and in everlasting remembrance in the powerful and Eternal Kingdom of Immortality, if I be no more in this World, when this body is gone to its place, according to thy Eternal Purpose and Decree, in thy Eternal Counsel; so be it, saith my spirit, yea and *Amen* saith my soul, which blesteth and magnifieth thy Eternal Name, inasmuch as thou hast so far fulfilled thy (living) Word of Prophecie, and not onely so, but much more also in the desire of my heart, in the behalf of thy dear, tender, suffering, and long-suffering Seed of thine own bowels, for which be innumerable Praises, Wisdom, Salvation, Glory and Dominion, to thy holy Name, *Amen, Amen*.

**M**Y right dearly and well-beloved Friends of Eternal Life, of the Church of the first-born of the living God, which is the Pillar and ground of Truth, of which Christ Jesus our Lord is the alone and only Head: Peace be unto you in him, who is arisen in his pure immortal life, and hath brought Life and Immortality to light, through the Word of his Power, and his Eternal Gospel of Peace, which is not hid from us, but it's clearly manifest in us by his coming, who ariseth with healing in his wings: Glory, Dominion, living, endless praises Immortal to his Name, now and for evermore; and let all the upright in heart, with my precious life say, Even so Amen.

Dear suffering, and long-suffering Lambs, ye know, that as I came in the Eternal Love and Peace of Immanuel, God's Lamb, to visit and serve you, and minister to your necessities, the which in the same Life and Peace, and in the integrity and uprightness of heart, and in its pure innocence, my God knoweth, and behold I call your Life that's manifest in you, (in which is our perfect unity as Members of one Body, to bear me record, That I have endeavoured in the good will of my God, to perform the same; and verily, the hand and blessing of Almighty God is with me; and hath blessed me, and so my reward is with me, and my work hath been manifest before me, even in the Light of his Countenance that liveth for ever; and this Scripture is fulfilled in me also, The Father worketh hitherto, and I work. So my dear Friends, I have honestly and nakedly before the Lord cleared my Conscience so far concerning you, and on your behalf, which is my reasonable service; and so I leave the same as a true Testimony of the Lord Jesus which you hold, and for which I am satisfied, (and in the behalf of the whole body of God's Elect you have so long suffered) So the Eternal God of Power, Dominion and Glory, of Heaven and Earth, console, support and strengthen you, (to the end) that your Testimony may be finished with joy, to his ever-lasting praise to whom only it belongs; and so my Spirit in the Light and Life Immortal, saith, Even so Amen. Farewel dear Lambs, I am your true Brother,

D. B.

Joseph was not made known to his Brethren the first time; though his Bowels earned towards and over them, till at last he could no longer for-

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bear crying out with tears, saying, I am Joseph your Brother, and the  
little Benjamin the youngest, he dearly loved you know.

This 5th. day of the Week, and the  
30th. of the 11th. Mo. 1661.

When my face you do not see,  
Wait in the Eternal Life, and then remember me.

So farewell, and feel the Well-spring of Life and

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This and many other Papers was communicated to each others  
hands, (which are seen meet not to be added hereunto) with the  
jeopardy of my life, and what else did attend us; but magnified  
and for ever blessed be the living Lord and his Goodness, Wisdom  
and Salvation, who prospered his Work and Workers in his own  
Life of lasting Righteousness, through and over self, over all  
that which must dye and go to its place, Amen.

DANIEL.

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Here followeth somewhat relating to the  
Travel and Service of D.B. which he  
hath freedom to give forth for the Truth's  
sake, and Friends satisfaction.

**T**He intent of the Spirit of the Lord within my heart and  
mind, stirring me up to write somewhat concerning my  
travel from my Native Countrey, Kindred and Father's House,  
being freely given up to serve the Lord, his Truth and People, in  
the Power and Gospel of God; I having no imposition or neces-  
sity at all laid upon my Conscience, as from any mortal man, but



certainly it was a pure necessity from the living God of Heaven & Earth, many of his faithful servants, Messengers, sons & daughters that were, & are as dear & precious to me as my own life, may bear me record on the Lords behalf unto the truth of what I write on this wise; & surely in the counsel everlasting, the thing was hid from me then whether ever I should return to my Native Countrey or not. However in the love and favour of God, and in his fear set up within my heart, was I given up, with my body also offered as a living Sacrifice, which was but my reasonable sacrifice, to give a sound to the Nations afar off, of the mighty day of our God, and his blessed Truth, the Light of Jesus manifest in every Conscience, in which Light we have most assuredly believed unto salvation: And verily the Power and pure Presence of his Eternal Strength was with me, through many hardships, trials and tribulations; the right hand of the hiding of his Power did sweetly guide, strengthen & support me, even as it did, and doth his Lambs whom he so set forth as among Wolves, in his Dove like innocency, harmlesness & wisdom, which is as wise, or rather wiser than the Serpents. And this Scripture have I well witnessed fulfilled whilst travelling from one Nation to another people, as my Father did in the ancient days. And on this wise, with three more Brethren, so freely given up with one consent in the behalf of the Gospel everlasting, that is now preaching again to the Nations, Tongues and Kindreds.

We set forward the 16th of the third Month, and we sweetly parted with our right dearly beloved Friends, Brethren, Fathers and near Relations, that were flesh of our flesh, and bone of our bone, and from all our outward acquaintance, and Native Countrey, in the Will, Love and Spirit of our God, in the same day from *Grauesend* we set forth; and at the end of 44. days, we arrived at *Legorn* in *Italy*, where we gave a certain sound of our innocent service and Message of Salvation, and of its life and blessedness, coming upon the Nations as a weight either to condemnation or justification, as the same is received or rejected among them.

And thus as we had opportunity, among the men of our own Nation, the *Jews* and others, we gave a sound, and the blessing of the God of Heaven, and his Presence was with us, whether the Nation

Nations of men did hear or forbear, but the Witness of God in sundry was reached; and the same answered in us. And herein we are so far well satisfied, whilst others were hardened, who defied us and our Testimony, as their uncircumcised Fathers always did resist and gain say the truth that saves from sin, and so finally from its condemnation.

And it came to pass after that we had waited upon the Lord to understand his good will and pleasure, he answered us in the joy of our hearts, and we received his counsel, and communicated of the same to each other's satisfaction in the love of God, in which we were well confirmed to obey the same until the death, as the Lord our God might have permitted for his Name's sake, who then further ordained us to be separated, *viz. John Stubbs and Henry Fell* to pass on towards *Alexandria*, and my dear brother and companion, *Richard Scoftrop*, with me, to pass Eastward, to *Smyrna* and *Constantinople*, in *Asia*; and after a little season we parted in the goodness of God. And when 24. dayes were finished, having (in the mean time) touched a little season at the Island *Zant*, we arrived at *Smyrna*. But behold it came to pass, immediately at our coming there was not a little stir, together with the evil surmizings, and what else arising up as a flood, with threatnings breathed forth from the Apostate Christians, especially men of no small degree (of our own Nation) against us, when *Turks, Jews, Greeks, Heathens*, and others, were not altogether so evil affected as to let us from the exercise of our Conscience void of offence towards God and man, and so to hold forth the example of the harmless Life, and unblameable Conversation, in all equitableness in Doctrine, Life and Practice, of what we professed in the midst of them. But oh! how the Christians (by Name) in *Asia* (who should first have received the Word of saving-health) how did they defie and reproach not onely us, but our living Testimony and Message of Blessedness, which day by day was sounded in their ears notwithstanding; the Lord God lay not what they did against us, to their charge, when they have most need of Mercy and Peace with God, if happily repentance unto life be witnessed by them, who know not what they did; yea and my Spirit is ready to say *Amen*, for their sakes that hazed us without cause, as the same unbelieving nature did our Lord and Master, whom

whom we love, serve and honor in the same, and therefore keep his sayings, which are not grievous to us in that one and the self-same Spirit which reproves the World for sin, in which we worship him as the Father, the which guideth into all truth, from all evil, concerning which we were admonished their minds to subject to the one, and to avoid and turn from the other, each having their proper effects attending them; as anguish, woes, judgements and disquietments upon the soul and conscience that doth evil; and contrariwise, blessings, peace, glory, honor, and the goodness of God attending the soul of man which worketh good, in the Light of the same excellent Spirit of God which exerciseth the Conscience in temperance and sobriety, meekness, and gentleness of Christ.

And on this wise we besought the men of our own Nation, together with many more in them parts, that they may become a sweet savour of the pure life of Christ and Christianity, indeed and in truth, which tends to answer the Witness of the Eternal God manifest in *Turks, Greeks, Jews, Heathens*, and Apostate Christians among the dark Nations, where they have their conversation: Yet I am constrained to express somewhat of their manner of dealing with us to our good; Wherefore men of reasonable and honorable understanding, may bear with me, to the end that the honest-hearted may be informed to beware of a persecuting Spirit, which is not of God, neither ever was it born of him.

Their threatnings encreased daily, and they burthened themselves exceedingly with us, whose deportment and behaviour they were made to confess to, as did the Consul and divers others, which in truth they could not say otherwise, but that it was temperate, innocent, harmless and unblameable in our conversation; Magnified be the Lord, and blessed be his Grace of Life, by which we in submission to the same were guided herein: But because our Testimony was not for, but against whatsoever might be said in truth to be evil, unjust, or unequitable, (which is dishonorable) therefore we were hated of the high and lofty, to the disquieting of their own rest day and night, because they burthened themselves so with the truth and innocency of the Lord's Testimony, which our Life held forth among them who received not the same in his love that they might be saved not onely from sin, but also from the



the wrath to come. So they forthwith sent a Message from *Smyrna*, to the great City *Constantinople*, to the King's Embassador of *England*, and besought him to expel us out from among them of *Asia*, that we might not have a being in the extent of their Authority, in visiting them on this wise, as by the annexed Warrant thou that reads the same, may understand.

A Copy of the Warrant which they produced and prosecuted.

**W**Hereas we are informed, that there is lately arrived with the Zant Frigot, one Daniel Baker, with his Companion, commonly called Quakers, with intention to come up to this Port; and because we sufficiently have had experience, that the carriage of that sort of people is ridiculous, and is capable to bring dishonor to our Nation, besides other ill-conveniences that may redound to them in particular; and to the English in general:

We therefore will and require you to give a stop to the said Quakers, from proceeding any further in their journey either to *Constantinople*, or the present Court of the Grand Signior, (viz: the Great Emperor of the Turks) or to any other place where our Authority extends, shipping them away either directly for *England*, or any other part which they shall chuse to imbarque.

And we do hereby require all Officers and Members of the Factory, and Masters and Officers of Ships, to be aiding and assisting to you herein: And for so doing, this shall be your Warrant.

For our loving Friend, Anthony Isaacson, Esquire, Consul for the English Nation at *Smyrna*; By his Excellency's command, Paul Ricoar, Secretary.

Given under our Hand and Seal, at our Court at Pare of *Constantinople*, the 19th. day of July, (it should be August, for we were not in *Asia* in the Month called July) 1661. Windsor.

And forthwith this Warrant was dispatcht with a Messenger from the Embassador's Court at *Constantinople*, to *Smyrna*; and behold the Merchants of the Earth, and others that could not endure to hear of the sound of Truth, received the same not with little gladness, (poor me! wo and alas for them!) the end of which will not be peace, but contrariwise, wo and misery; and they put the same Warrant in execution, and sent a *Turkish* Janifary, and a *Drugerman*, that were Officers under the Consul of the *English* Nation; and they came with *Harmols*, (*viz.* called *Porters*) with *Cain's* Weapons, and fetcht us from our Lodging before the Consul; and the man was courteous and moderate, and had his ear open then to what we in the reverence and fear of the Lord then said unto him, which was his honor, who then saw over and beyond that foolish Ceremony of the Hat, neither did he burthen himself with the same, as many unwisely do, to the clouding or veiling of the nobility of a good understanding, which hath a more noble respect to Equity, Justice and Judgement, without respect of persons in them, where it is set up in its proper and peculiar Authority, than to such foolish ceremonies which are below men of Wisdom; yet he desired that we might not take it ill as from him (in his place of Authority) in doing as he was obliged in the prosecution of the Warrant, which summoned all Officers and Members of the Factory, with Masters and Officers of Ships, to be aiding and assisting to surprize and banish two innocent, naked, harmless men, that had neither Bow nor Sword, nor any such like material, or visible Weapon of War to resist evil, as *Paul* and *Barnabas* had not; against whom the hard-hearted *Jews* cryed out with the same voice, *Help men of Israel*, &c. and such like stir there was; and we let the Consul first know at our first coming, that we owned his place of Authority, and were ready to submit to any thing that was just or equitable; and at last in this thing we could not submit without suffering, forasmuch as in the uprightness of our heart, and in the innocency of the same were we come so far to do the Will of God, and to suffer for it, as his hand permitted.

So with many other expressions I cleared my Conscience, as also by Words, Sufferings and Writings, to the whole Nation there; and the Consul seemed to be unwilling to use violence against us that

that at our departure prayd for them that hated us without a cause, knowing not what they did; we seeing it could not at that season be otherwise, but what the Lord had permitted them to bring to pass, not to their justification, but as a Judgement among them from the living God, who did not onely dispence the visitation of his Love and Salvation day by day among them; but he visited them also with the strokes of his displeasure, even unto death and destruction: And surely he smote and took away of the chiefeft, and others of them daily. And verily my heart often cryed, and besought the Lord for them (in secret more especially; though I was constrained not to cease uttering my voice openly among them, and for them) while they sought my hurt; as many of them (I know) by the Witness of God in them may remember. And so we were sent away as Prisoners, or rather as Lambs driven from the Dens of Lyons, or from the barren Caves of ravening Wolves, whose Nature woored them.

Now we had spoken for a passage by a Dutch ship, to have gone from thence to Constantinople; but before the ship departed Smyrna, the Warrant came to the Consul's hands, which thou mayest see came not from either them called Turks, Jews, Heathen, Greeks or Barbarians, but even from the men of our own Nation. Alas! alas! yea wo-and alas for them.

So the Reader may see what a stir there hath been in the Region of Asia against the appearance of Truth, and its innocency in plainness, to expel and banish it, together with its Message and Messengers, out of their coasts or borders; and not to have any entertainment, or at least to come within the extent of their Authority, whatever becomes of them, let them go where they will, &c. So as in effect they say, We will not have this man, the Light, Truth, Temperance Innocency, its Life and Wisdom from above, to rule, or have its preheminance over us in our Consciences; We will rather chuse to live in the practice of our own evil hearts and ways; and therefore thus to their own hurt they say unto God, Depart from us, for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways; and as for the Word of the Lord, we have no delight in it. Lo they have rejected the Word of the Lord, and what Wisdom is in them? And such the holy, perfect and upright man saw rebel against the Light.

Job. 21.

Job 24. 13

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Light, and said; They are of those that rebel against the Light, they know not the wayes thereof, neither abide in the paths thereof.

And so with consent they joined together to banish Truth, its Message, and Messengers of Peace, which provoked them to jealousy that believe not, who scorned us as fools, and what else, not honestly considering, how that God is provoking the Nations to jealousy and wrath with a foolish people, as in the ancient days, Deut. 22, was prophesied. And such besought our Lord and Master, even Jesus, to depart out of their Coasts or Borders, who loved and fed their Swine upon the Mountains, even the Gadarenes besought him to depart, who saith, *He that loveth Father or Mother, or what else, more than me, is not worthy of me*; and Father and Mother, and such Relations, are of more honourable esteem than many Swine. And to his Disciples he also saith (that was dead, and is alive, and liveth for ever) *As they have done unto me, so will they do unto you; if they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you.* These are his faithful and true sayings; *He that receiveth you, receiveth me; and he that receiveth me,*

John 13.20 *receiveth him that sent me; [mark that:] Verily, verily I say unto you, Whomsoever receiveth whom I shall send, receiveth me; and him that receiveth me, receiveth him that sent me, &c.* He that despiseth you, despiseth me; and he that despiseth me, despiseth him that sent me. And it's to be understood, that such like dealing of S. and H.F. our Brethren, found at Alexandria, from whom they also were banished.

And on this wise being rejected, despised, banished out of Asia, from Smyrna, in about eight dayes we arrived at the Island Zant, where my dear Brother and Companion in sufferings, and not onely so, but in the Kingdom and patience of Christ, he was visited with sickness nigh unto death; but the Word and Commandment of the Lord ordered me to pass through part of Italy, and my face was set towards Venice; and we weighed the thing in the fear and counsel of the Lord, and were both given up in one to travel; yet it was so, that the poor Lamb was not capable in body to travel with me, by reason of weakness; and he being fully perswaded and satisfied in his own mind, that I was to pass onward, in the tender Love of our God he did the more constrain me;

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(99) 3. me; I finding some unwillingness to leave him in that condition which was not a little cross unto me. But in the Heavenly Will and Peace of our God, and joy of the Lord, out of all visibly we parted asunder; and it came to pass, that he laid down his body there in about two days after.

There being a Ship of *Venice* ready, I embarked on the same, and had a good passage through the Gulf of *Venice*. After three Weeks were finished, was I admitted (together with the Ships company) to receive Product or Admission to come into the City as their manner is; and there I continued about eight days as a sign and wonder among many, and gave somewhat of a sound of the Lord's Day (in truth) among them; and from thence I travelled to *Legorn*, and my face was as if it were set towards *England*, I being alone, as a Mourning-Dove in a desolate Wilderness: Yet it came so to pass, when I arrived at the same Port or City, that the ever lasting Love of my God did fill and overcome my heart, and mine eye right dearly affected the same, and verily the living Word and Commandment of my God sounded in mine ear, and mine understanding was quickened in the Spirit of Life from God, so that I was made willing, and not to rebel against the Heavenly Voice, [ And what if I testify, that mine eye saw the Angel of his presence? ] which was expressly for me to give up, and pass away from thence, to visit his long-suffering Seed of Innocency, shut up in the Inquisition, in the Isle of *Malta*, under the Pope's Authority, and to communicate to their necessities; and verily the sweet promise of the Lord entered and possessed my heart, and my God made my way prosperous, for in the Light of his countenance he had often set these poor, afflicted, long-suffering innocents before my face: Wherefore my body and mind was freely offered up as my reasonable service, to serve his Truth, and the least Member of it; and so to the death of the Cross, whereto I became obedient in uprightness of heart, as if I should never see Kindred or Native Countrey more.

A Vessel of *France* being ready to depart from thence Eastward, I embarked thereon for the Isle of *Cicilia* to *Musena*, and from thence to the Isle of *Malta* in a Vessel of the said Island; and in my passage the Vessel did bear, in to *Syracuse*, where *Paul* abode three days in his passage to *Rome*; (after he had suffered



abode three days in his passage to *Rome*; (after he had suffered shipwreck on *Malta*;) and at *Syracuse* I abode five days, where I gave a sound of the Lord's Truth and Life: And so we immediately sailed from thence, and within 24 hours we arrived at the Island of *Malta*; and within some hours after I came upon the said Island, I had admittance to the Pope's Lord Inquisitor, to whom I delivered my Message in the *Italian* Tongue, on this wise, *I am come to demand the just Liberty of my innocent Friends, the two English women in prison in the Inquisition*: And he asked, if I were related to them as a Husband or Kinsman, and whether I came out of *England* on purpose with that Message. And I answered, I came from *Legora* for that same end; and he replied at last, They should abide in Prison till they dye, except some *English* Merchants or others that were able, would engage or give obligation for the value of three or four thousand dollars, conditionally, that they should never return again into those parts.

On this wise was his reply divers times, with the Consul and many others, together and asunder, but in the Name and fear of the Lord God I withstood the same unchristian-like demand and cruelty, in the Word, Power and Travel of the Lord in his innocent, suffering Lambs behalf, albeit they daily threatened me with their cruelty and Inquisition of darkness, and followed me to and fro with their Officer and Black-Rod, and the Popes Deputy would have bound me that I should neither speak good nor evil to any one while I was on the Island, as the Consul said, save to him; neither to come to the Prison alone, except the Consul came also with me, or some of his Family at least: But their snares, Bonds and Covenants, in the Name of my God I defied, because the Spirit of Life from the Lord gave me Dominion through sufferings in Spirit, First, over their unjust, dark Impositions; yea, and in the same good authority, in the innocence and uprightness of my heart, I travelled through, and over the darkness, over its works, and ceased not to publish the end of my coming, which they would not have known abroad, & the sound of Truth, and its dread and same firck terror in their hearts, that both high and wise great men together with the Popish Priests and Jesuits knights them called of the Nobility, of the Pope's Dominion of *Spain* and *France*, and of many Nations, they did not further themselves a little with my bodily presence, my clear testimony



simony, and Friends in general, all which they defied and withstood, as it doth appear by the words of Truth in this Treatise.

And thus it comes to pass among the Nations, because we are not of this world, as our Life and Testimony also is not for, but against the same; therefore we marvel not if the world hate us, knowing its birth which is from beneath, earthly and sensual, persecuteth that which is from above, heavenly and spiritual, and so the Lord hath made me as a burthensome stone among them. My heart bleisseth his Name that wonderfully preserved me. Yet some of them came to see somewhat of my innocency.

About 24. dayes I abode upon the said Island, they daily continuin<sup>g</sup> their threatnings against me as aforesaid, and many times attempted me to take my passage to *Cicillia*, or to some parts of *Italy*, to produce the unreasonable and unchristian-like Obligation demanded by them; but in the fear of God, with my dear friends, withstood them, and they were freely given up, rather to suffer, then to hurt God's truth and people thus to gratifie them, who (as it doth appear) the Spirit of the Lord God of truth rules neither in Pope, nor in any of his Lords, Priest or Jesuits, that exerciseth such Lordship over the innocent, long-suffering Heritage of the everlasting God. The time hasteneth, and behold it cometh to pass, that the weight of eternal Vengeance is coming over them, which the man of sin, and his sons of perdition will not be able to bear: For the doleful cry of the Innocent, it sighs and groans with tears, hath long uttered its voice, which hath ascended into the ears of the most high, who is higher then the highest, yet hath he respect unto the needy, to uphold them, yea and to such as are of an upright, contrite, lowly, and trembling heart: What if I should say, the God of love and long-suffering dwells in such? and verily their sacrifice is acceptable in his bosome that liveth for ever; and I am a living witness, that the sweet testimony and innocent sufferings of these his long-suffering Lambs, is right dear and precious in his eye, which is the light of his countenance; and so is not otherwise, but the same in oneness with his people concerning them.

And so in the endless Mercy, Blessing and Peace of our God we parted, and I came away with the love and peace of my God within my heart, having the answer and living testimony of a good Conscience; and in the wisdom of God brought away these their words and writings, which testifieth somewhat of their sufferings and faithfulness unto the Lord, his truth and people, which I right well know, cannot be shut out of the Record of life Eternal, unto which I bear record again, that they have been, and are a sweet savour unto the Lord God of faithfulness, and so their reward, which attends the same, is not onely with them, but with all the sons and daughters of truth and innocency, that are so travelling in their long-sufferings, which are but light and momentary in competition to the Eternal weight of glory which afterwards is to be revealed in the same that suffered in all generations, even from righteous *Abel*, unto this day of our God, to whom be wisdom, glory, salvation, and everlasting thanksgiving and dominion, forever, *Amen*, saith my soul and spirit, even so *Amen*.

And it came to pass in the the third month of the year 1662, also after my God had well preserved me in my passage, and in his work and service from *Malta* to diverse places in *Italy*, till I came to the Straights Mouth (of the

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Mediterranean Sea, at the place called *Gibraltar*, it was the pleasure of the Lord God to suffer the wind and weather to continue contrary well nigh about 30 daies, in which season I suffered many trials and tribulations in spirit, having little or no rest in the same, because of the Vision and words of the Everlasting, which sounded often up to my understanding, even as the roaring of a Lyon, which mine eye saw, and mine ear heard also [in the year - 61. when I was a Prisoner for the pure Word and testimony of God and his Truth, in *Worcester City* [ay], before I departed *England*] and the place was the high Mountain of *Gibraltar* that stands within the King of *Spain*'s Dominion, which was the subject of the Vision; and often as I cast mine eye upon the scituation of the place, the pure life and power of God's Eternal presence did arise up in me, in the Word of Life, so that I saw early that some great exceeding weighty service for his Name and eternal Truths sake was to be done by me; which was so terrible and dreadful to me, when as I entred into reasoning, so that I was brought down even to the jaws of death in dust and ashes; and as *Jonah* turned his back upon *Niniveh*, the same temptation attended me also, to my wounding, before I could give up; for I fled often from the place to escape with my life from among such an unreasonable and bloody generation, and the Lord would not be intreated to let such a bitter Cup pass unfulfilled, but behold with the sound and stroak of his eternal Word, his Spirit of Life became awakened, quickned and mightily revived in me, in his Wisdom, over all fear of the Nations of men, and the same brake through the snares and bonds of death, and over destruction and the true seed that mourned, cried, *Not my will, but thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven*; and so it was a hard thing to part with little *Isaac*, which is received again in the Covenant of promise of Life, and that was offered up which fled so often (but at last was caught in a thicket). When the ships of diverse Nations attempted to pass through; but the God of heaven, whom the wind and sea obeieth, suffered them not, but they knew not what the matter was which was revealed within my heart, as the displeasure of God was against them, to humble them also; as I told them often by words and writings to clear my conscience; albeit they strove, being perplexed in their minds, and attempted often, to wit 7 or 8 times in about 21 daies, and could not pass but about 2 or 3 leagues, and on this wise it happened, it would either prove calm, and then the current would drive them back into the Streights again sometimes, and otherwhile storms and tempests would scatter them; as a figure of *Pharaoh* and his Hosts of Egyptian darkness, so that the Charet wheels mine eye saw struck off; so that they drove but heavily, within, and without; and at last I gave out among them, that God had service for me to do at that place; and my life was given up to do his will, if I never saw my Native Country, Kindred, or Father's house at all any more; and therefore the pleasure of the Lord in his mighty power had made me willing, and also gave me dominion through and over the bonds and snares of death and destruction, as it were to lay down my precious life, that I may take it again together with the body, which through his righteous judgments he had prepared to perform the good pleasure of his Almighty self, for his Truth and Names sake. Now the heavenly voice was often sounded within my heart on this wise, saying, *O Jerusalem, how often have I desired to gather thee together, as the Prophet*



and so I became obedient to the single will of the God of Heaven, of my life, at a dreadfull point of time, of Rome, and against all her Heads and Horns, and then signified to the Master of the ship in which I was, that I did believe that God would soon give opportunity for me to pass away after this service of God was performed. And after many persuasions, to the end that he might suffer my body on that side, to be among the wicked idolaters, lyars and murderers, which are like the troubled sea. So the Ship-Master let my body be on this wise cast over board from the ship, [God having provided a great Whale to swallow up that which fled from his presence, for ten] and so it happened, that it was upon one of their called Holy-days, or Saints days, namely, the day called *Holy Thursday*.

So I being cast on dry land, passed through their streets directly, and came into the Mas-House or Idolater temple, among the Idolaters, where I found the Fryer, or Priest, at the high Altar, down upon his knees, in his white Surplice, adoring of the Host, (which is a *Chalice*, or a piece of bread, which they call the real substance of the body of Christ, after their unclean Spirit of darknes hath muttered some words over it, which they call *Consecration*;) and after I had stood a season viewing this Idolatry with the indignation of the Eternal God set up within my heart against the same, I turned my back-part upon the Priest, and his dead God, and dumb Idols, at the high Altar; and in the ho'y Commandment of life eternal, my face was set towards the people, and I be'yeld them a certain season in the power of God in which I stood; I saw the multitude of ignorant people upon their knees also, worshipping the dark inventions and imaginations of their sottish leaders, and blind guides, and they know not what; and in the Lord's time (which mine eye had a circumspect heed unto) I then spread forth my arms, and stript off my Vesture, and rent the same from top to bottom, in divers pieces, and cast them from me with indignation. And then I took my Hat off my head, (which was the uppermost covering of the outside of a man) and cast the same under my feet, and stamped upon these things; and the nakedness appeared with the sack-cloth covering, to their astonishment; and then with a clear voice I sounded Repentance three times, and gave testimony as the sound of a trumpet among them, that the life of Christ and his Saints was arisen from the dead; and so passed away, sounding the same words of the Lord's Message, with Repentance, through the streets, as it were, flying from the Idols temple, and from Idolatry, and Idolaters, until I came to the sea-side, and there was I moved to kneel down and pray, and give thanks to the living Lord, who had so wonderfully preserved me in doing his pleasure and good will on earth; and he suffered no man to touch or do me harm.

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Lord God over all who is blessed forever Amen

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I was surrounded and beset me on every hand, immediately after I had done the good will in his all-sufficient power and strength; thus the Enemy with his subtilty in a mystrie was suffered to compass me about, to steale away my peace and reward with my God, in whom the same is hid; and then I was in a blessed condition, though sometime veiled for a litle season, and then the Fathers countenance was hid from mine eye; and therefore was I troubled: Yet blessed are ye when you fall among divers temptations, saith one; and verily they were even as thorns in my flesh, yea as Messengers of Satan suffered to buffet me for a season, even as the servant of God witnessed, who was wrapt up into the third Heaven: What if I should somewhat testifie, so was it with me, lest I should be exalted above measure, so that I was made to bow and fall upon my face, and cry day and night to the Lord of Eternal life, that had respect to the tears of the innocent, and bowed the strength of his arm to support the lowly: And so his Almightyness gave ear to the sighs and groans of my distressed state, and had respect unto the voice of my mourning, as a Dove or Pelican in the Wilderness; and verily his Grace I found sufficient to save and preserve my innocency, in its sweet life of holiness to the Lord, through all this, and that which letteth, salvation to his Name, Amen. So his strength is made perfect in weakness, even so it is in truth, in which I set to my seal of my right hand, that God is true, in which life I give thanks to his Name of Power and Defence, the which over all Nations is to be exalted in the hearts of his Saints, as in the ancient dayes, yea and much more abundantly in the Light of his bright-shining countenance, in which his Eternal and excellent glory, and pure dreadful Majesty, for ever hath his holy habitation; to whom be endless Dominion, with praise, living and everlasting, over all, Amen.

Written in Newgate this 5th. Month, the 18th. day, 1662. where he suffereth Bonds, together with many Brethren of Truth, for one and the same Testimony of the Lord Iesus, not for evil doing or speaking, but against the same: For we suffer because we cannot otherwise but meet together in the Name and Fear of God; neither swear at all, neither by Heaven, nor by Earth, nor by any other Oath, Matth. 5. James 5. 12. D. B.

A Copy of a Paper which was written in the Spanish Tongue, and delivered the same day that I was upon the service, directed as followeth, Viz.

For the Governor and Inhabitants of Gibleore, in the Kingdom of Spain

**B**ehold, behold, the great day of God is come, and of his wrath, and of the wrath of his Lamb is come, and the hour of his judgements is come, Wherefore Oh Inhabitants of the earth, Repent, Repent, Repent, and fear God, and give glory & honor to him that made Heaven and Earth, and the Fountains of Waters: Wo, wo, wo to the Inhabitants of the earth: And I heard another voice from Heaven, saying, Come out of her my people, that ye partake not of her sins, & that ye receive not of her plagues. These are the words of the power of Christ that is contrary to the false Church.

Behold, behold, Plagues, Plagues, Plagues are coming upon the Church of Rome, and upon her Heads in England, & in all parts of the world. And the Woman which thou sawest is that great City which reigneth over the Kings of the earth; and he saith unto me, the waters which thou sawest where she Whore sitteth, are Peoples, Nations, Multitudes and Tongues, &c

These words, with a Paper in Latine with honest words of truth, was delivered with many more Scriptures in their own Language, that they may read, understand, repent, & cease from idolatry, & from all ungodliness, that the blessings of Eternal life might arise through Judgments, & have room among the Nations to the eternal glory & renown of the Lord God over all who is